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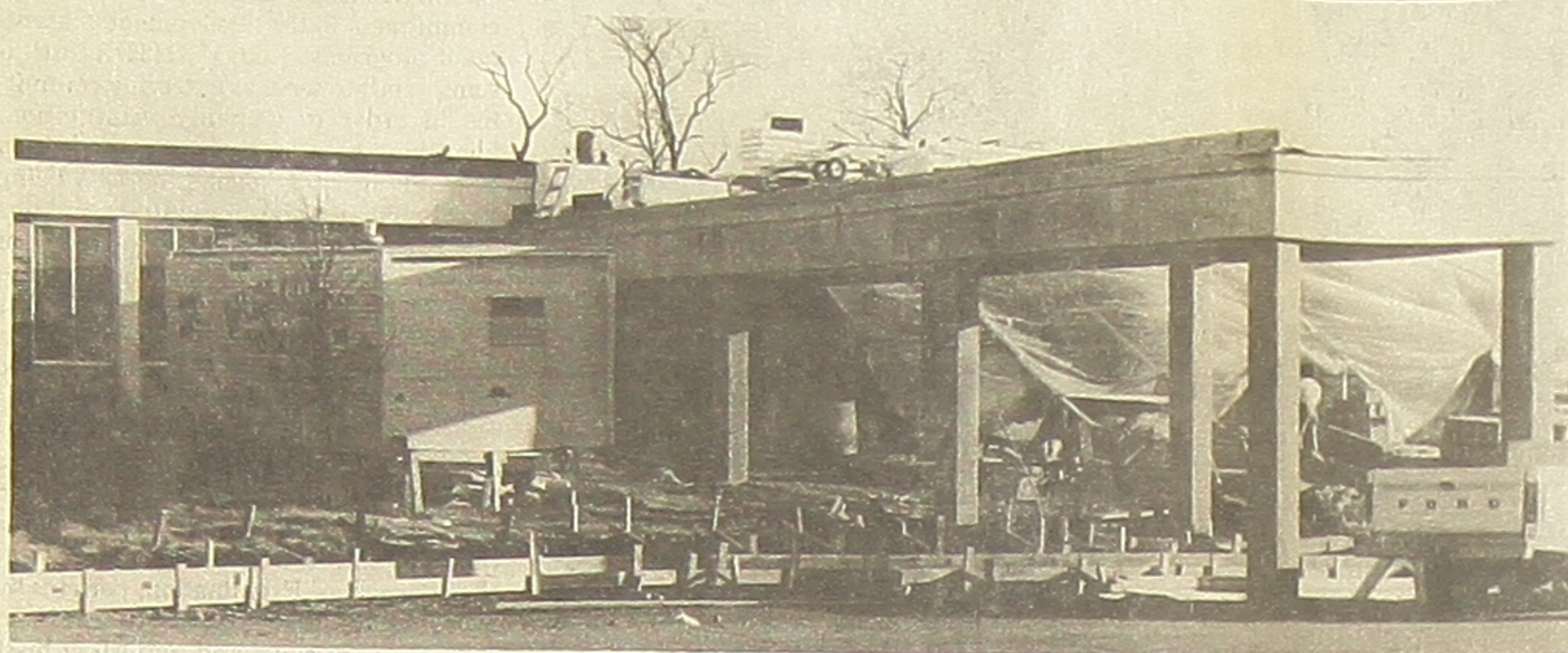
# The Chart

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This is the final edition of The Chart this semester.



The addition to Taylor Education and Psychology Hall is expected to be completed by Christmas. (Chart photo by Rick Evans)

## College starts to plan celebration

Appointments will soon be made for a steering committee which will plan Missouri Southern's 50th anniversary celebration.

According to Gwen Hunt, director of public information, ideas are currently being gathered as to how to celebrate the anniversary. Recommendations will then be made to College President Julio Leon.

"The President will appoint the committee as soon as possible," said Hunt.

Hunt pointed out that any interested person is eligible to serve on the committee.

"We do not intend that this be purely a nostalgia event," she said.

Hoping to focus on the present state of the College as well as where it is headed in the future, Hunt is encouraging student involvement in the planning and execution stages of the celebration as well as that of faculty, staff, alumni, and area supporters. She is hoping for strong support from the different departments on campus.

"Students are generally loyal to their department, so the ties need to come from those departments," Hunt said. "It's going to be a lot of hard work. We're going to do as much as we can do as well as we can do it."

Events to celebrate the anniversary are

scheduled to begin next fall as the first junior college classes were offered in September 1937.

According to Hunt, there will be six areas of activity which will be divided into subcommittees under the steering committee. These will include special events, those which are designed especially for the celebration; coordinated events, those which already exist on the regular school calendar such as Homecoming; publicity and promotion; merchandise, special memorabilia such as mugs and T-shirts; publications, such as a history book; and alumni.

## Vandals strike again

### Company will remove video games

Early yesterday morning, Billingsly Student Center fell victim to vandals for the second time this month, and this time it is Missouri Southern students who will suffer the consequences.

Sometime between the hours of 1:40 a.m. and 3:30 a.m. yesterday, the vandal or vandals forced their way through the glass doors on the west side of BSC. The video games and one candy machine were broken into, according to Wayne Johnston, director of safety and security.

"We checked it (BSC) at 1:40," he said.

"And then at 3:30, we discovered that it had been broken into."

A change machine and the jukebox were damaged and removed after the first break-in two weeks ago. Now the downstairs recreation area will be without video games.

"We are going to suggest that they remove the video games," said Johnston. "We don't know for sure if they will ever come back." The games belong to Coin-Op, Inc., which is owned by Skip McBride. He was unavailable for comment.

Val Williams, coordinator of student activities, later confirmed that the video games would not be returned.

"It is a shame that all the students must suffer simply because of the greed of one person," she said. "They (the students) have already lost a change machine and a jukebox, and now the video games are

gone."

The status of the vending machines is uncertain, according to Williams. Those machines are owned by a different company.

Despite the rash of vandalism, Johnston maintains that the security forces are not at fault.

"It takes a long time to check every building on the campus," he said. "If it takes 15 minutes to check out a building, that means that you can only check out four an hour."

The thought of adding more security personnel was dismissed by Johnston, also.

"Under normal circumstances, you do not need more guards," he said. "Right now, though, someone on campus or in the area has decided to hit on Southern."

Ironically, the latest robbery coincided with the announcement that a \$300 reward is being offered "for information leading to the arrest and conviction of person and persons responsible for the robberies of buildings and video games on the campus of MSSC." The money is being offered by the Student Senate and the Campus Activities Board "in representation of the Missouri Southern student body."

Persons wanting to provide information should contact Johnston by phone at Ext. 391, or in person in Room 101 in the police academy. All information will be kept confidential.

## Bell's report addresses higher education concerns

Calling for a nationwide effort to strengthen public schools and colleges at all levels, Terrel H. Bell presented the Report of the National Commission on the Role and Future of State Colleges and Universities.

Bell, former U.S. Secretary of Education, released the findings of the commission at the annual meeting of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) held last week in Phoenix.

In attendance at the meeting was College President Julio Leon, who said the meeting was important to him for two reasons.

"The first reason was that Bell issued the report commissioned by AASCU on the future of higher education," said Leon. "The second reason was that all CSIC (Central States Intercollegiate Conference) schools are AASCU institutions."

While in Phoenix for the meeting, the presidents of the CSIC schools scheduled their own meeting to discuss the fate of the conference. (See related story, this page)

According to the report, titled "To Secure the Blessings of Liberty," an educational "Marshall Plan for the States" is needed to prepare Americans for life in the future. The report also calls for "a creative state-by-state effort comparable to the Marshall Plan in scope, cost, and dedication" to preserve democracy in the United States, mainly by expanding educational opportunity.

"America has far too many people whose abilities are never awakened," said Bell. "This staggering waste and dissipation of our most precious resource means unemployment, unenlightened citizens, reduced productivity and personal stagnation, leading to frustration, crime, and abuse of freedom."

"This wanton loss occurs because the nation is only partially committed to educating all of its people at a time when our international standing is being threatened and our economic future eroded by highly educated, highly motivated competitors abroad. For the sake of our future and in the interest of our humanity and civility, we must reorder our priorities to make a full and unequivocal commitment to learning."

"It is imperative," said Leon, "that we remain competitive internationally. This calls for an additional commitment from the federal level, and also support from

the states."

Due to social, political, economic, and educational conditions that "forecast a storm brewing in public higher education," the following are some of the "storm signals" noted by the Report.

The nation's educational pipeline is contracting as the high school dropout rate mounts to over 25 per cent, and even higher in some areas.

There are at least 23 million adults who have been identified as functional illiterates.

As college costs have skyrocketed over the past 10 years, including the cost of attending public institutions, federal student aid programs have failed to keep up, and have lost considerable ground in real dollars.

A nationwide shortage of elementary and secondary school teachers impends and will soon reach crisis proportions in some cities and states, with the profession needing over one million new teachers by the mid-1990's.

Recent studies reveal that American college students, compared with their peers overseas, are poorly informed on global issues and lack an understanding of their country's role in international affairs.

In order to cope with the "storm signals," three goals have been established by the commission. They are:

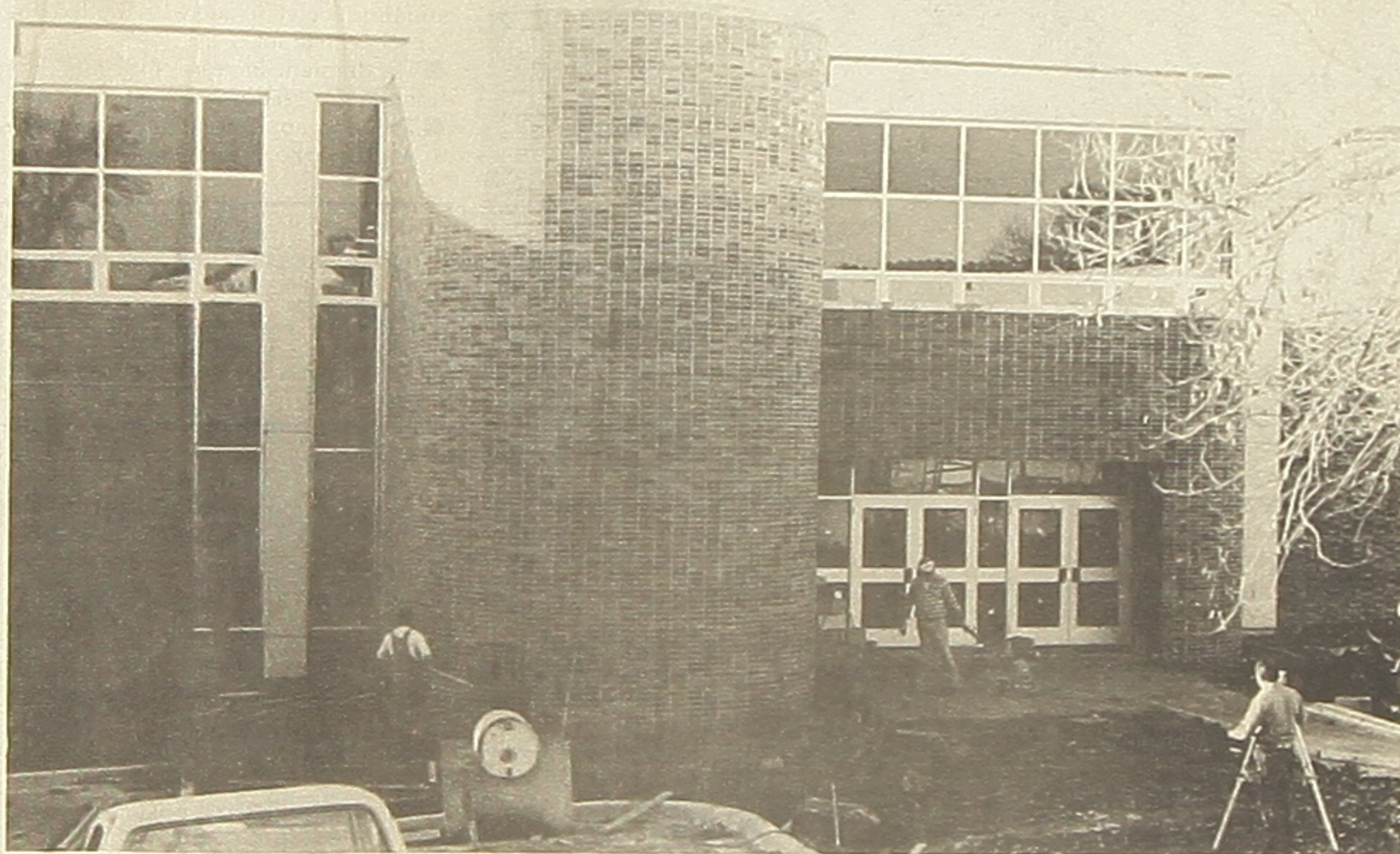
■ At least 35 per cent of American adults should have a college degree by the year 2001. The current percentage is 19.

■ State colleges and universities must assume the leadership role in producing the one million additional public school teachers required to meet the needs of elementary and secondary education during the next decade.

Said Leon, "This is a call for us to concentrate on quality and quantity."

■ State colleges and universities should direct their academic resources and institutional priorities toward working cooperatively with public schools and community colleges to reduce the high school dropout rate by 50 per cent over a 10-year period.

"Unless educational leaders and public policy makers join a major, new, state-by-state effort to expand educational opportunity," read the Report, "the vitality of our nation will suffer, and our ability to aid in bringing stability to the world will disintegrate."



The school of business will soon be moving into Matthews Hall once the addition is completed. (Chart photo by Rick Evans)

## Work on self-study nears completion

With the visit by the North Central Association evaluation team drawing ever closer, work on a self-study is nearing completion.

A self-study of each institution is required by the association so team members can acquaint themselves with the institution before going and evaluating it. Missouri Southern has been working on the self-study this semester, and hopes to have it ready for editing and finalizing by December.

"The various committees have met a number of times," said Don Seneker, co-

chair of the steering committee. "One committee is already done with its part. It was the introduction."

"Criterion number two was the biggest one, and they will be done during next month. It appears all of the others will meet their deadline."

This year, all of the committee work will be submitted on floppy disks. This will allow for ease in editing and blending. Edith Compton, assistant professor of business, will handle the editing.

"I am supposed to get a copy in

December," said Compton. "Until I get it, I don't feel like I'm doing my job. I might be spending my vacation doing it, but I will meet my deadline."

By having the report completed by December, the College can use the spring semester to go back over the report and make sure all is correct and smooth.

The final study will be printed toward the end of spring, and copies will be sent to evaluation team members in early summer. They will then visit the College next fall.

## Pittsburg State will join NCAA Division II

Apparently planning joint membership in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics and the National Collegiate Athletic Association, Pittsburg State University yesterday announced plans to join NCAA Division II.

PSU, a member of the Central States Intercollegiate Conference along with Missouri Southern, cited the increased recognition and recruiting benefits it will receive from the NCAA as reasons for the move.

Ranked number one this season in the NAIA football poll, PSU has been disappointed with the publicity it has received concerning its 10-0 record. The Kansas City, Wichita, and Topeka media have given the undefeated football team little coverage.

The fate of the CSIC is now uncertain, with Washburn University also considering a move to the NCAA. Last week at the national meeting of the American Association of State Colleges and Univer-

sities, Missouri Southern President Julio Leon and fellow conference presidents met to discuss the conference's future.

Present at the meeting were the presidents from the eight CSIC schools. The meeting was scheduled toward the same week as the national meeting.

According to Leon, the decision on whether to change the conference's na-

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# Teaching leaders makes Junkins remain in field

By Megan Tomasik  
Staff Writer

[Editor's Note: This is the third in a series of features on recent Southern graduates].

Teaching tomorrow's leaders makes Julie Junkins want to stay in the field of elementary education. Graduating from Missouri Southern in 1983, Junkins received a degree in elementary education.

"I love education courses," Junkins said. "I find them fascinating."

When looking back on her educational experience at Southern, a certain instructor holds fond memories for Junkins.

"Mrs. (Erin) Ray was my reading instructor," Junkins said. "Her interest and enthusiasm helped me to achieve a great deal in her classroom."

Teaching first grade at Webster Elementary School in Webb City, Junkins said she has the same enthusiasm with her students.

"Children are so impressionable," she said. "It's important to get them off on the right foot."

According to Junkins, teaching first graders is not easy, but the effort is well worth the reward she gets from helping the students to grow and learn.

"I want kids to enjoy school," Junkins said. "Most of my children really love it."

Junkins also said the greatest reward is the feedback she receives from her students.

"Hearing a child express positive feel-

ings toward an activity is the biggest reward for me as a teacher," she said.

Junkins involves her students in many activities. Her main emphasis is directed toward teaching vowels and printing.

"These are two of the most important skills for a child in the first grade to learn," she said.

Junkins also said the reading ability of an average first grader today is amazing.

"Today, children are able to comprehend a much larger vocabulary," she said.

Most importantly, her main goal is to make such an impression on her students that they will never forget their first grade experience.

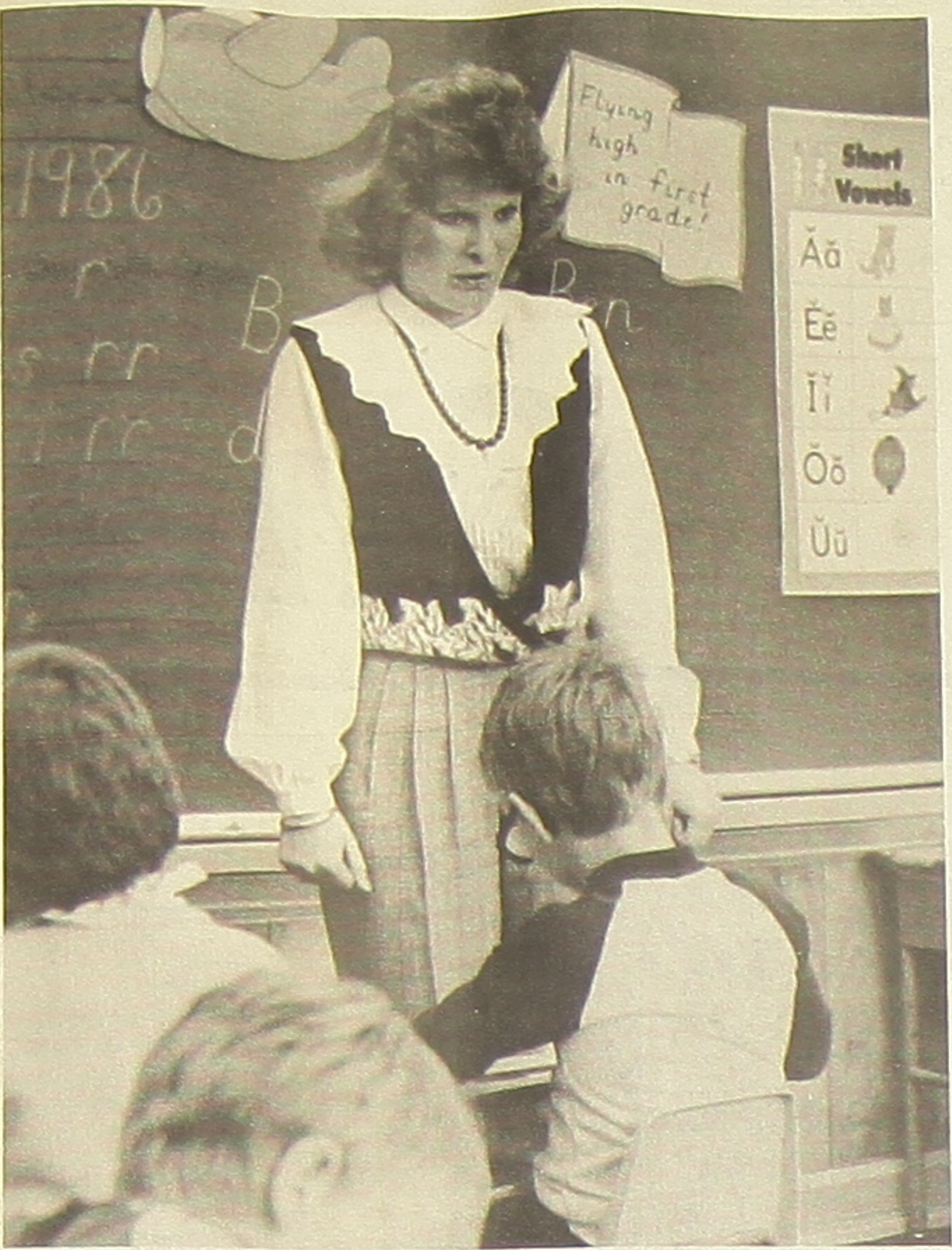
"I have a tough time remembering my educational experience when I was that young," Junkins said. "I feel that it is important for an individual to remember her or his primary learning experiences because this is what they build upon in future years."

Although she has a great love for the well being of her students, she also shares her time with her fiancé, Jerry Walker.

"We met each other while attending Missouri Southern," Junkins said.

After being engaged for five years, they've finally set a date in July for their wedding.

"Getting married is an exciting thought," Junkins said. "I enjoy every moment I spend with Jerry. I don't know what I would do without him."



Teaching Julie Junkins, a 1983 graduate of Missouri Southern, teaches her first grade students at Webster Elementary School in Webb City. (Chart photo by Sean Vanslyke)

# Assessment committee meets today

Composed of one representative from each of 13 public four-year institutions across the state, the Council On Public Higher Education (COPHE) Faculty Committee on Assessment is to meet today in Columbia.

Dr. Larry Martin, department head of mathematics, has been appointed by College President Julio Leon to the statewide committee as Missouri Southern's representative.

From a draft of the charge to the committee, the committee's purposes are for "COPHE institutions to reaffirm their commitment to the development of assessment programs at our (COPHE) institutions, [and] to serve as a steering committee in order to exchange information, identify common problems, and keep track of the assessment programs being developed or implemented on our (COPHE) campuses...that the goal of assessment is to improve instruction without distorting the missions of our (COPHE) institutions."

The charge states that the committee is "to identify assessment programs tailored to the specific mission of each institution; to discover common approaches and institutionally specific approaches to assessment among Missouri's public campuses; to implement the use of the National Teachers' Examination, perhaps by 'pilot testing' on at least five campuses in 1986-87; to discover and publish at least 10 approaches to assessment by March 1987; and to discover and disseminate at least three to five 'pilot' approaches to assessment in general or theme areas such as writing, general education, mathematics, critical thinking, etc., by June 1987."

"It (the assessment committee) is an attempt on the part of the presidents [of the 13 institutions] to address the Governor's concern for assessment of education," said Martin. "It's much better to take the initiative than to just have to react [to an order by the Governor]."

Martin, who attended the first meeting of the assessment committee with Leon in late October, said he felt confident with the President's decision on his appointment.

Today's meeting will be the second one held in Columbia. Discussed at this meeting will be current assessment activities, goals of the committee, and modifications of goals. December's committee meeting, at which the Governor is planned to speak, is to be held in Kansas City.

# Senate to read request

Resolution concerns honor standards policy

Student Senate will present a resolution to the Board of Regents tomorrow concerning the Faculty Senate's recent decision to raise minimum honor standards.

The Student Senate passed unanimously the proposed resolution for the Board of Regents to consider before it makes a decision on whether to accept the policy change.

Lance Adams, Senate president, will lead the request, which includes four main reasons why the proposal should be re-examined. These reasons include:

- The quick passage of the recommendation by the Academic Policies Committee and the Faculty Senate with limited time for student input.
- The dramatic increase of the minimum standard for graduation from 3.5 to 3.75.
- The early application of these changes to students who enrolled under the honor

regulations of the current Missouri Southern catalog.

- The motivating factor for changing the honors policy. The Senate believes the requested policy change is an effort to deal with the problem of grade inflation, while causing honor students to suffer.

"The academic courses do not suddenly become more rigorous simply because a decision has been made to limit the number of honors graduates," reads a statement in the resolution.

In other Senate business, a request was made by the Camera Club for the Senate to give funds for a recent field trip to Devil's Den State Park in Arkansas. The club is requesting \$197.43 to cover motel and travel expenses for the club's two-day trip.

The Senate will decide on this request when it meets again in two weeks after the Thanksgiving break.



Bricklaying Construction workers lays bricks on the new addition to Taylor Hall. The addition is expected to be completed by Christmas. (Chart photo by Rick Evans)

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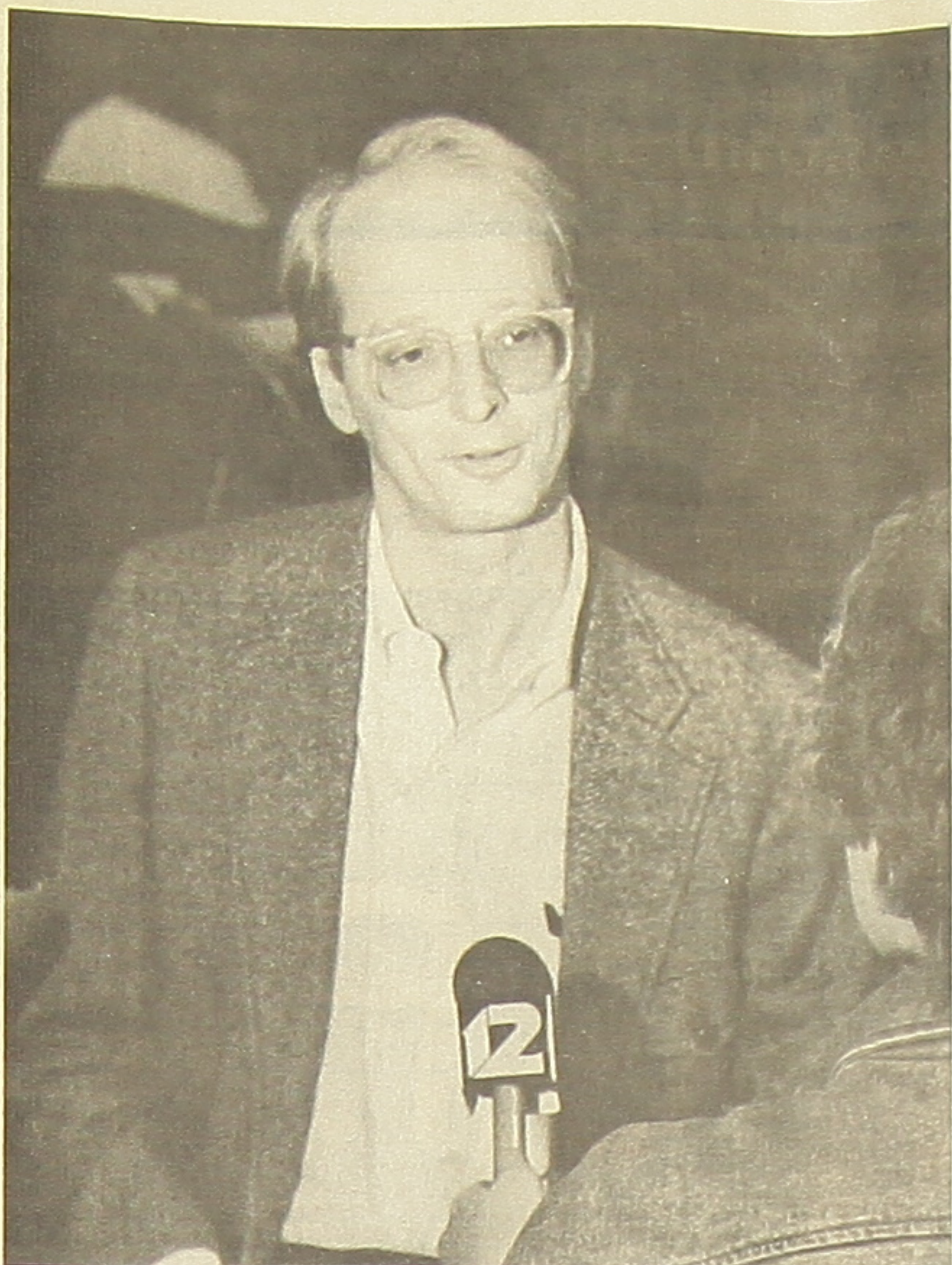
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**Speaker** Michael Luster, from the department of English at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, lectured on Ozark folklore Monday. (Chart photo by Sean Vanslyke)

## Coordinating Board recommends extension service fund increase

By Pat Halverson  
Editor-in-chief

Changes in Extension Services at the University of Missouri may be coming in the future.

Although the Coordinating Board for Higher Education recommended funding for the Extension Service at \$14,712,623 for fiscal year 1988, Board members suggested a study of the university's extension services at last month's meeting of the CBHE in Jefferson City.

Recommended funding for 1988 represents an increase of 5.8 per cent over 1987's planned budget of \$13,907,415. Increased funding requirements will be shared by state and federal funds.

Board members questioned whether services provided through the Extension program are effective. The study would examine the program for duplication of services and look for programs which are no longer in demand. Those services and programs could be eliminated from the program.

Cooperative Extension at the University of Missouri was established in 1914. It was designed as a partnership of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the land-grant universities, which were

authorized by the Morrill Acts of 1862 and 1890. State legislation enabled local governments and organized groups to participate in the programs.

Local residents, state land-grant universities, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and county governments throughout the state share in the planning, financing, and operating of Extension programs.

University Extension includes the extension programs of the four University of Missouri campuses and the Lincoln University campus, 114 county Extension offices, and a field staff of 350. The purpose of University Extension, as stated in an Extension plan submitted to the CBHE by the University, is to disseminate and encourage the application of knowledge derived from research, study, and practical experience to serve the people of Missouri.

Through county Extension offices, agents provide information and training to state residents in a wide variety of areas. Continuing education classes include sabbatical experience in nursing to learn new health care skills, and workshops in the use of computers to help farmers with such operations as cost accounting, mixing feed rations, and apply-

ing fertilizers efficiently.

County Extension agents help farmers across the state apply knowledge gained by University researchers in food production, and provide information to the public in areas such as nutrition, health, home economics, and 4-H leadership training.

While CBHE members did not question the need for services provided by the Extension, the Board suggested that votech, two- and four-year programs, continuing education, and Extension services provided by the University of Missouri be examined to determine which programs are out-of-step with current needs in the state in order to justify the Extension as a viable program.

Janet Wolfe, Extension agent for Jasper County, said county offices are currently going through an extensive planning process to determine programs for the next four years, but the assessment is not a part of a CBHE study.

"We are taking a close look (at our programs)," Wolfe said. "We are doing a local needs assessment to find out what our clientele need and want."

Definite plans for the study suggested by CBHE have not been finalized.

## Injury brings new cheer regulations

Because a cheerleader at another college accidentally "fell off a mountain," the Missouri Southern cheerleaders will now be under stricter regulations.

"A girl broke her neck doing a stunt at a game," said Val Williams, cheerleader sponsor. "There will no longer be any propelling stunts of any kind."

The cheerleader, who attended another Central States Intercollegiate Conference school, is the major cause for the new NAIA ruling.

The CSIC and the NAIA have both made rulings on the kinds of stunts cheerleaders will be allowed to do. According to Dee Dee Wessel, cheerleader co-captain along with Juan Triplett, there will no longer be the "stacking of bodies" there has been in the past.

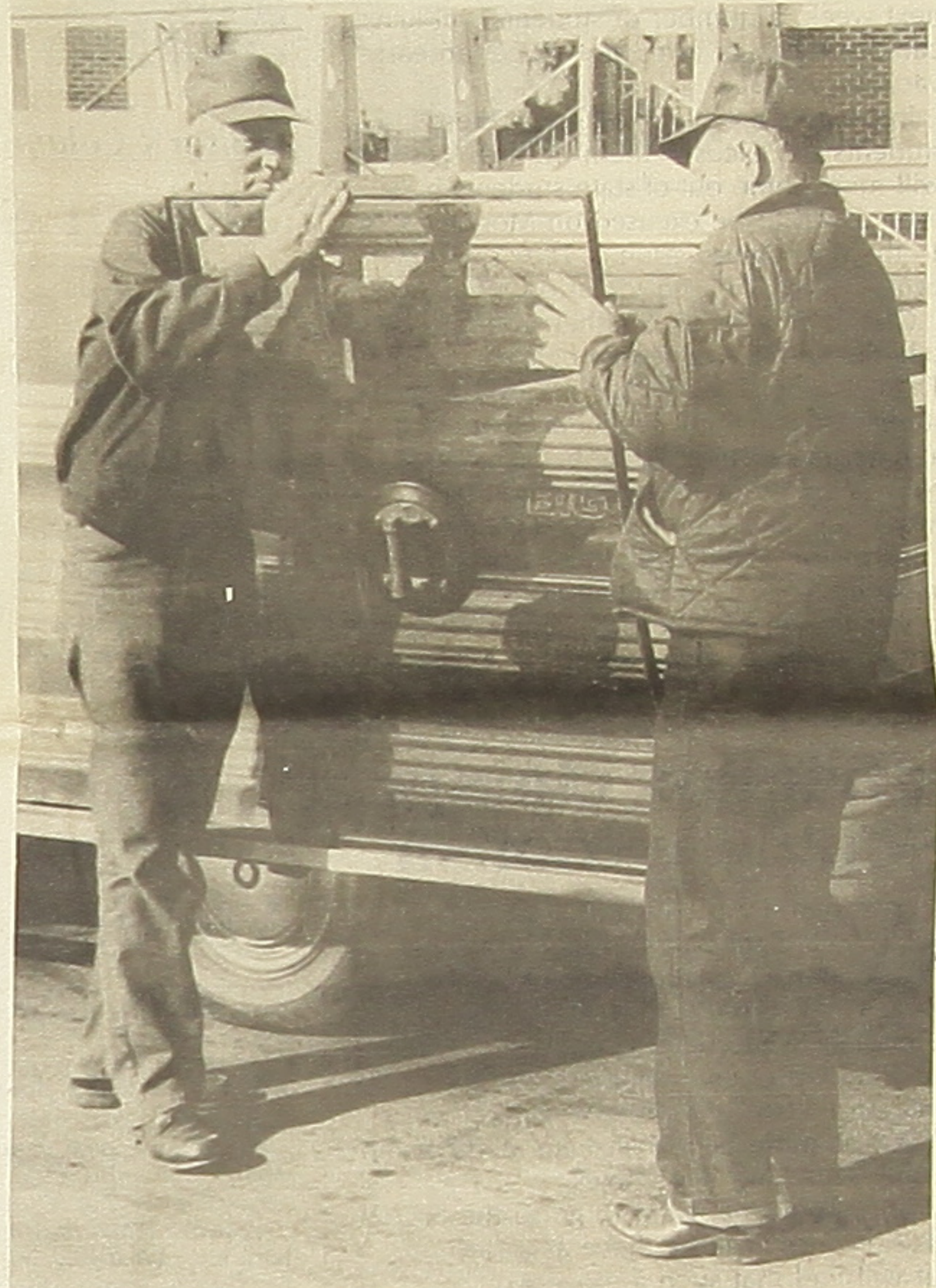
"We have a lot more things we are doing and the people on the squad are just more dedicated than in the past years," said Wessel. "We just keep improving. The potential is there for having a really great squad."

According to Williams, there will no longer be mini-trans, trampolines, or springboards used by the NAIA cheerleader squads. Williams said there are schools that are ignoring the new policies.

"Basically, the rule is open for interpretation," Williams said. "They may reverse this later. Who knows?"

Williams said the cheerleaders will have to concentrate more on partner-type cheers.

"When you start working with a partner, you have to get comfortable with them," said Williams.



**Repairs** Two maintenance workers prepare to replace a broken window at Webster Hall earlier this week. (Chart photo by Rick Evans.)

## Art students see exhibits

Travelling to both Cottey College in Nevada and Pittsburg State University, 17 Missouri Southern beginning and advanced art students attended exhibits of contemporary and Pre-Columbian art.

Donna Lynne, instructor of art at Cottey, gave a presentation Monday on Pre-Columbian artifacts from Mexico. Then students were allowed to view an exhibit by Caroline Tarbell Tupper, jeweler and goldsmith.

Tupper's exhibit included over 20 necklaces as well as a few rings and sculptures. Tupper used portions of the

design of original Pre-Columbian artifacts in her jewelry designs.

After attending Cottey's exhibit the group of 17 went on to PSU to see an exhibit of contemporary non-objective art.

Another exhibit, yet to be held, is that of Senior Louis Tran, art major at Southern. He is to have an exhibit of his work of jewelry design and metalsmithing Dec. 3-10 in the Balcony Gallery in Spiva Art Center.

A reception for Tran, open to the public, is to be held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday Dec. 7.

## Hartley treats sore throats

Irma Hartley has seen many sore throats so far this year, but that is only because her job is that of school nurse.

"There has been a lot of virus this year," she said. "Sore throats, strep throat, mono—it's been getting in the upper respiratory tract."

The virus has at times become more vicious, according to Hartley.

"Some have developed into pneumonia," she said.

The rash of sickness is coming a little too early, according to Hartley.

"For this time of year, there are a lot of people coming in," she said.

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tional affiliation by joining NCAA Division II or remain in the NAIA will be entirely left up to the presidents. A study will be conducted by the presidents to weigh the advantages and disadvantages of a change.

Leon cited two objectives regarding the stand Missouri Southern is taking on the issue.

The first is to try and keep the conference together. The second is to try and keep the conference in the NAIA.

"Missouri Southern's stand," said Leon, "is basically we are committed to the conference. We are satisfied with the group."

"It is the desire of the presidents to stay together. It is a good conference."

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## Campus safety questionable

In light of the fact that vandals have struck on campus three different times recently, one begins to wonder just how safe it is to be on campus at night.

Many colleges and universities are forced to have escort services to insure the safety of their students. While this has never been a problem at Southern it looks as though it may become one. We are obviously in need of tighter security so that students can walk across campus at night and not be in fear of harm.

## Missing classes isn't beneficial

Too many Missouri Southern students are planning to leave early for the Thanksgiving holidays. Although classes are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday of next week, a number of students will leave campus today or tomorrow to get an early vacation start.

Instructors are being asked by these students to "excuse" them from classes they will miss. Some out-of-state students have even asked to be excused on Monday, Dec. 1—the day classes resume. They say they can't catch a flight to Joplin on a Sunday.

Classes at Missouri Southern used to be scheduled the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. The College decided to give students this day off so students would be able to make it home by Thanksgiving. Now, many students are taking off one, two, three, and even four class days early.

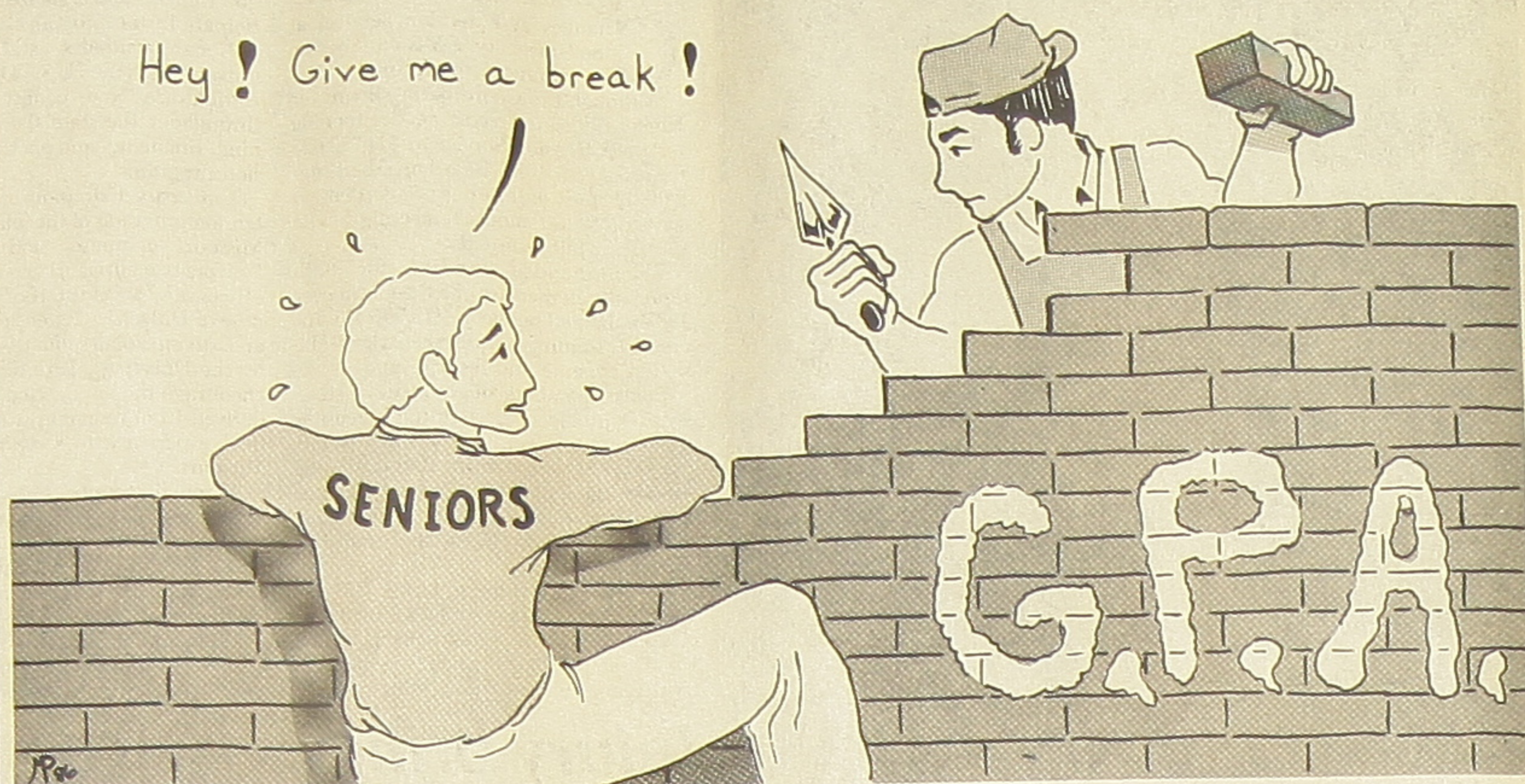
Instructors should not allow students to make up work or examinations missed due to vacation plans. The College is striving for greater academic excellence, but it cannot be achieved with lenient attendance policies.

## Affiliation change would be foolish

When the presidents of the eight CSIC schools consider changing our national affiliation from NAIA to NCAA Division II, they should ask themselves what they hope to gain. Will they find better competition in NCAA Division II? No. Will membership in the NCAA be more beneficial than membership in the NAIA? No one knows.

The schools that want to go to the NCAA Division II see such a move as a step up, but will find that such a move would probably be an expensive mistake. Sure, the NAIA has some problems and is not as prestigious as the NCAA, but the NAIA is aware of these things and is working to correct them. For instance, there is the possibility that ESPN will televise the NAIA national basketball tournament this year.

The NAIA has been good to the CSIC and to Missouri Southern. It would be foolish to change our national affiliation just for the sake of change.



### Editor's Column:

## Honor standard raise may be wrong approach

By Nancy Putnam  
Associate Editor

As a senior scrambling to try and meet a 3.5 grade point average before graduation, I can greatly empathize with those students petitioning against the Faculty Senate's decision to raise the honor standards to a minimum of 3.75.

While the Senate does have some justification in stating that too great of a percentage (20 per cent) of students are graduating with honors,



it seems it may be taking the wrong approach to this problem by minimizing students' achievements.

Perhaps a better solution would be to compromise—raise the honor requirements and raise classroom standards.

The Faculty Senate has a valid point in wanting to raise honor standards. One of my professors uses a similar technique in her classes by purposely having a higher grading scale than most professors. She knows if she requires more from her students, they will work harder to meet those standards.

When I was a freshman, if I would have known I would need more than a 3.5 to graduate with honors, I might have spent more time with my physical science homework or studied a little harder for those biology tests to keep those grades higher.

Of course, the negative of this may be that students may shy away from difficult courses or, even worse, cut down on their involvement with extracurricular activities to maintain high GPA's. This would have a negative effect on Missouri Southern since there are many superior students who do beneficial work for the College and its various departments.

However, raising the minimum honor level to 3.75 is too great. A minimum of about 3.65 would do better to decrease the number of cum laudes, while at the same time honoring truly superior students. This would allow students to attain a reachable goal without discouraging them to take more difficult courses, or be involved with student

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### In Perspective:

## Assessment of current affairs 'encouraging'

By Dr. Betty Ipock  
Director of Nursing

The managing editor of *The Chart* invited my contribution to this column on the day after my new grandson was born. Special events such as this are a natural time to take a perspective view of the state of the world.

What kind of world has this new child been born into? What type of joys and problems will he experience during his lifetime? I cannot, with any degree of certainty, predict the future, but I found an assessment of the current state of affairs fairly encouraging.

It is easier for us to know what's going on in other parts of the world than it was when I was a child. Due to the wonders of television and satellites it is possible to "travel" to all seven continents



without ever leaving our own living room. There is some disadvantage to this, in that we are continuously informed about the several "small wars" that are on-going, but on the other hand we have not been involved in a major conflict for some twenty years. For this I am thankful.

The main advantage to television programs about distant countries is the cultural information we gather about other people. The more we know about the customs and way of life of other nations the better is our chance for understanding and for peace. I am pleased that we have an active International Club at MSSC and I hope their programs will be well attended. This will be a pleasant and convenient way to learn about other cultures.

I am quite proud of many other current activities at Southern. As Lance Adams, the Student Senate President, stated in last week's column we do have "quality faculty and staff and enthusiastic students." We are enjoying growth both in physical facilities and in quality.

Dr. Leon has made it clear that we are not to be complacent about past successes but to strive toward excellence in all programs. The Honors

Program has been developed recently to give recognition to the brightest among high school graduating seniors. The program is growing and gaining recognition in several states. The Golden Crest Society which was formed recently is another form of recognition of leaders. Golden Crest is a Pre-Omicron Delta Kappa fraternity which admits campus leaders who have excelled in scholarship, in service, athletics, journalism and media, or creative and performing arts. The society had an on-site visit recently by the national vice president from New York. He was quite favorably impressed with Southern.

One of the facets of Southern that amazes me is the abundance of top quality extra-curricular activity that many students maintain in addition to classwork. The paper in which this column appears consistently wins national recognition in competition with campus papers from major universities. Communication students are doing a

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### Letters to the Editor:

## Parking facilities

I would like to comment on the unreasonable parking facilities available to the dorm students. Someone needs to wake up. MSSC is a rapidly growing institution. The facilities offered to the dorm and apartment residents are outrageously too small. As the college continues to grow, more students are living in the dorms and apartments. These parking facilities simply do not meet the students' needs. If a dorm resident returns to his or her hall after 11:30 p.m. there are no parking spaces left vacant. These students are then forced to park their automobiles at the police academy. The students that reside in the college-owned apartments are forced to walk quite a long distance, which seems even longer in this weather.

What if every dorm or apartment student owned an automobile? Only a little over half of all dorm residents park their automobiles in the cramped parking lot. If every student chose to have an automobile stuffed in the lot with the rest of the sardines, the cars would have to be stacked allowing only enough room

for one car to squeeze in and out of the parking lot at a time. If every student did bring an automobile to Missouri Southern, the police academy parking lot would also be packed. This would infringe on the commuters' parking rights, since they too, are not offered large enough parking areas. Let's face it the enrollment of Missouri Southern is growing extremely fast, but along with it, the facilities of MSSC must also grow at the same rate to meet the needs of the new incoming students.

Just another sardine in the can,  
Jennifer Perkin

## Catalog difficult

I can't believe this is happening to me again this semester. Here I sit at the dining room table with my Spring schedule and planning sheet all ready to prepare for another semester. With trembling hand I reach for the college catalog to check on the courses I still need to take to earn my degree. Running my finger over the edge of the pages I search for the paper clip marking the place containing my suggested order of study.

Now begins the process of determining what classes I need and matching them to the Spring schedule. All goes well with the first 2 classes; then, without fail I run across a course I'm not sure about. I need to read its description in the catalog and check for any prerequisites. That's when the fun begins. What section do I look under? There are 4 sec-

tions with course listings under each, the trick is determining which section the course I want to read about is in. If I fail in my first attempt I must try again and again and again. I know it's there, but where! Success always comes, but my poor catalog may not survive another try.

I realize there is a system to the listing of courses and their descriptions, but must it be such a secret? I know I'm not alone in my search, many a friend has asked for help in their quest for a course description.

Wouldn't it be nice if the catalog would list all courses in one section in alphabetical order? On second thought, what would I do with all the time I used to spend looking up courses in the catalog?

Becki Schepper

## Vandalism shocking

I was really shocked and disgusted when I heard about the outbreaks of vandalism here on the campus. It's hard to believe that anyone would deliberately go and destroy not only other people's property, but also other people's privileges [sic]. It is a real shame that because of one person or person's wrong doings, the rest of us will have to suffer the consequences. I do hope that this sort of thing will not happen in the future, and that action can be taken to apprehend the violators.

Sincerely,  
Michelle Knecht

### The Chart

## Missouri's Best College Newspaper

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# A closer look

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## Oak Hill's mobile unit provides on-site services to patients

Serving area nursing homes with mobile diagnostic procedures, the Oak Hill mobile provides on-site cardiology and radiological services for nursing home residents.

Oak Hill's Mobile Diagnostic Services include a fully-equipped van with X-ray film processing equipment and a portable electrocardiogram (EKG) machine which has been servicing patients in the four-state area since June.

"It is a good service that we have found a great need for," said Michael R. Dunaway, director of ancillary services at Oak Hill. "The nursing homes are very excited about this."

Primary areas of service are Galena, Webb City, Carthage, and Neosho. In a 25-mile radius, it can service over 1,300 patients in nursing homes. The van saves time when patients need testing. It is out in the field from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"We can respond within the hour to other areas," said Dunaway. "But we want to be able to apply comparable service as to the ambulance."

Saving not only precious time, but money is an advantage to patients. The cost to have a patient transported to a hospital or physician's office by an ambulance is often costly. The mobile provides on-site testing at the nursing home.

"It costs \$150 to \$200 for an ambulance ride," said Dunaway. "Our service goes to

the patient. Procedures are done on-site."

Mobile Diagnostic Services include on-site X-rays and EKG tests. The van has a self-contained darkroom for processing film and its own power supply. The EKG system is a portable unit capable of finding any abnormalities in heart rate just as testing done in the hospital. Copies of the printout are given to nurses at the nursing home for review, and other copies are taken back to the institution to be further evaluated. Once findings are confirmed, the patient and immediate physician will be notified.

"It is the same type of service we use right in the hospital," said Dunaway.

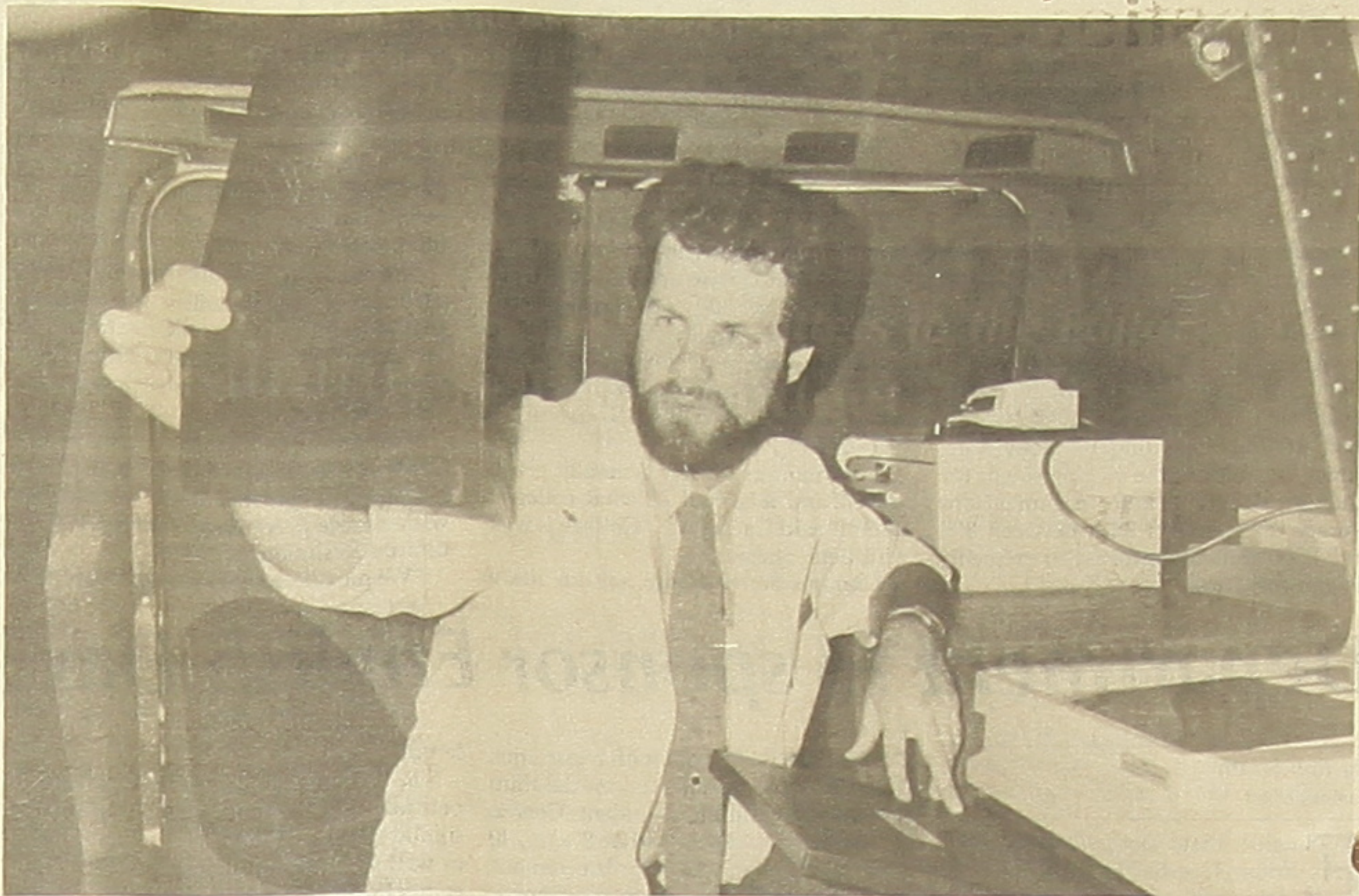
The driver of the mobile has a pocket pager so he can be communicated with quickly.

"It is really a means of us staying in contact with Joey Addington, registered radiology technician," said Dunaway.

Services rendered are billed to Medicare, Medicaid, and commercial insurance directly.

Anxious to get future plans underway, Dunaway says that for now the van is limited strictly to X-ray and EKG tests, but new developments are in the process.

"We will be offering Holter monitors," said Dunaway. "This monitors the heart for 24 hours. The purpose of this monitoring is to help the patient assess when the EKG could find the problem."



Mobile

Joey Addington, radiologic technologist, reviews x-rays in Oak Hill's new Mobile Diagnostic Service van. The unit also includes an EKG machine. (Photo courtesy of Oak Hill Hospital)

## Cardiac procedures surpass estimates

Catheterization laboratory costs \$1.2 million; is unique to Joplin and area

Among its many offerings in the cardiology department, Oak Hill Hospital opened a cardiac catheterization laboratory in May.

This laboratory is designed to test the condition of a patient's heart, and is perhaps the most accurate test at this time.

According to Judy Langevin, manager of cardiology services, a doctor puts a catheter (a thin tube) usually into a vein in an arm or leg that leads to the heart, and then a dye is injected so that one can look at the way blood flows through an artery, vein, or a valve of the heart. Doctors can then determine where leaking may be occurring, and to what extent.

cent."

Langevin accounts this substantial number of patients using the laboratory to the area doctors who have shown confidence in how the facility has proven to be a well-functioning facility.

"One of the things that people wonder about is why, since we are such a small 150-bed hospital, that we have this type of sophisticated unit," said Langevin.

Before the laboratory was opened, Oak Hill transferred patients needing cardiac catheterizations to another hospital.

"What we found was that when we only had one cardiologist on staff, one-third of the cardiac patients at the other hospital were coming from our hospital,

into the economic feasibility of including the catheterization laboratory, and to find that it would be practical even in its small hospital to include the laboratory.

The catheterization laboratory, which cost approximately \$1.2 million, is unique to the Joplin area since it is designed to include both cardiac catheterizations and radiographic procedures.

According to Langevin, the two areas were combined to make a more economical use of the equipment, while at the same time providing patients with efficient care.

"Our facility has university features that you don't find in other hospital settings," she said. "The cardiology department is often broken up and spread out in multifaceted departments, so the patient is not being cared for as a total cardiac patient."

Langevin compares the complete treatment the department offers to putting a puzzle together.

"We see the patient from the time diagnosis is made, to the time treatment is given, and in the follow-up care," said Langevin. "It is very rewarding work."

**"Our facility has university features that you don't find in other hospital settings. The cardiology department is often broken up... so the patient is not being cared for as a total cardiac patient."**

—Judy Langevin R.N., manager of cardiology services

"Since we have opened, we have completed 155 cardiac procedures," said Langevin. "This has surpassed our original estimates by about 30 to 40 per

and when we added another cardiologist, that percentage increased even more," said Langevin.

These figures caused Oak Hill to look



Heartbeat

Intern Eric Wingerson, D.O. checks the heart rate of a patient. Wingerson, like the other interns, will serve one year at Oak Hill Hospital. (Chart photo by JoAnn Hollis)

## New service offers formalized training

Oak Hill Hospital's physician training program is the only one of its kind in the metropolitan area.

This teaching program provides medical school graduates or those in their last year of medical school with formalized training in the form of internships and externships.

Dr. Micheal Knapp, director of medical education, explained that externs were different from interns, since they were either third- or fourth-year medical school students who were rotating through hospitals getting clinical experience under direct supervision. While interns are medical school graduates, who are actually licensed physicians, gaining more experience by studying under a hospital staff.

"The interns are in a much greater

decision-making role than the externs," said Knapp. "They have more responsibility with patients and their decisions will be challenged by attending physicians."

The interns are each assigned patients to be in charge of under the direct supervision of an attending physician.

Knapp says this program is beneficial to the hospital in two main ways.

"One—we have young fresh minds that are constantly asking questions of the physicians," said Knapp. "These are minds that have recently been exposed to the newest medical solutions, and that keeps us fresh and up-to-date."

"Two—they do assist in the paperwork and the routine of day-to-day operations that constantly have to be done at a hospital," Knapp continued.

According to Knapp, the interns rotate among the various Oak Hill departments 13 times on a four-week basis. This allows the interns to get a wide variety of experiences.

Interns are selected each year by a house staff training committee. The hospital receives most of its interns and externs from four schools of osteopathic medicine in Oklahoma and Missouri.

At this time, Oak Hill does not have a residency program which allows physicians who have finished their internships to acquire more training in a more specialized area, but Knapp says Oak Hill may get a residency program soon.

"We are looking into the possibility of setting up a family or general practice," said Knapp. "We are hoping to get approval of that within the next year."

before. And maybe they will come back for our other services.

"Hopefully they will remember the good care they received at our hospital."

## Program helps lower health expenditures

Reducing medical aid for industries in hopes to relieve expenditures and find markets that need to be served are objectives Oak Hill Hospital has achieved through the Preferred Industry Pricing (PIP) program.

Industries in Joplin which have enrolled in PIP as a way to lower health expenditures are Loma Linda, Motorola, Southwestern Engineering, and LaBarge Electronics. Reduced medical care for these industries depends largely on volume, pre-enrollment, and cash up front.

"Cost of health care is very expensive," said Michael R. Dunaway, director of ancillary services at Oak Hill. "If an industry can find relief with expenditures, it helps."

According to Dick Rubison, consultant for Motorola and president of the Joplin Business Health Care Coalition, Motorola

expenditures.

Other services PIP offers include: volume preferred rates, optimality, quality physicians for the industry, and "customized facilities."

"Patients are treated and on their way within an hour," said Dunaway.

The package physical involves laboratory work and seeing a physician for a complete check-up. The cost of this physical is valued at \$225, but the reduced price is \$50 in cash.

And the birthing package, "Precious Bundles Package," allows for a 24- or 48-hour stay in the hospital, including costs of all care and services for the birth.

PIP has a variety of services to offer to the industries in Joplin. Industries are very satisfied, according to Dunaway.

"The hospital wants to find markets that need to be served in Joplin," he said.

Stories by  
Teresa Merrill  
and  
Nancy Putnam

### More Letters to the Editor

#### Library budget not student responsibility

Letter to the editor: In response to student activists helping the library.

The editor's comments in reference to student activists helping the library was indeed mind-boggling. First of all, the way in which the editor used the term "activist" left a sour taste in my mouth. When I hear the term student activists, I picture students rallying against apartheid and nuclear weapons, but students rallying for the library? Come on. This is my last year at MSSC and I've yet to see students take a stand on any issue that activists in other colleges would. When I bring up the idea of joining the nuclear freeze campaign or any other controversial situation, everyone hides their faces and cover in the corner as if they're going to be beaten to death. I realize the Joplin area is in conservative la-la land, but give me a break. Maybe the term interest group suits this situation better.

Secondly, since when is the students responsibility to help the library? Are you telling me that even though I pay my tuition that I still should help the library? Yes, I do utilize it a great deal but that doesn't mean I'm responsible for helping the library when they need it. I believe it's the responsibility of the institution, not the student. The student makes his/her contribution by paying tuition. The institution should appropriate [sic] the tuition money where they see fit. Having student activists help the library is the same as having students help other departments if they run low on budget. I just don't get it.

If certain clubs want to contribute money for subscriptions, that's fine. But I don't believe that students should be forced to hand out extra money for the library when the institution is the one responsible.

Lou Ann Little

#### Parking lots dangerous

I would just like to comment on the rude, disrespectful manner in which some people treat other peoples' automobiles. I don't think that it's right for some selfish idiot to scratch or put a door dent in someone else's car.

As I was sitting in my vehicle studying one morning a woman pulled into the parking space directly in front of me. As she got out of her car she slammed her door into the side of the considerably nice car that was next to hers. I could not believe she did that! It was so obvious that she did it on purpose.

Who do you think you are, girl in the brown car? If I had thought quicker at the time and took down your license number I would have reported you for vandalism.

Not long after that incident someone put two fairly deep scratches down the passenger side of my car. My car is expensive and I don't appreciate someone ruining what I work my butt off to pay for!

I hope others will complain about this, because it is a definite problem at MSSC. Hey girl in the brown car I'm watching you. I won't forget to take down your license number next time.

J. Martin



# Around campus

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## Students have not taken advantage of activity programs

By Kevin Keller  
Staff Writer

While extracurricular activity programs are a part of every college campus, many students do not take advantage of the campus activities provided at Missouri Southern. Students are given the opportunity to further their education through athletics, fine arts, student government, and departmental and social organizations. Of the 46 campus organizations, 25 are active, but only six or seven are considered "real active," according to Doug Carnahan, assistant to the vice president for student affairs. These organizations average 20 members with between 800 and 1,000 students involved in extracurricular activities.

"Our philosophy is that getting involved should not be a supplement to academics, but a part of academics," Carnahan said. "Research shows students involved do better."

One speculation about lack of participation is the large amount of commuter students attending school. Commuters tend to arrive on campus for class, then leave. Over 500 students live on campus, which is roughly 20 per cent of all full-time students. This ratio is higher than the on-campus residences of Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield.

"Commuters do not generally get involved and miss half of what college is about," said Carnahan. "College is what a student makes of it."

Campus activities are not any less in

number than they were nine years ago when Carnahan came to Southern, although some tend to run in cycles pertaining to being active. The increase in the size of the student body and increasing participation of departments getting involved has given new opportunity to the extra activities.

"Freshmen Orientation is now being used also to make students aware of activities," said Carnahan. "Orientation information is successfully letting new students know what they may become involved in."

One group feeling this success is the Campus Activities Board, which experienced its greatest participation ever with a large percentage of the participation by freshmen.

"We provide activities to hit the general

student body," said Val Williams, student activities director. "Not everyone can participate because of the time scheduled."

Williams considers the CAB-sponsored trips and Halloween dance to be a large success along with the monthly birthday parties, contests, and coffee house performers held in the Lions' Den to provide activity for the commuter students.

"Student participation is up along with the enrollment," Williams said.

Increased enrollment has prompted plans for expanding dormitory space which will benefit the Residence Hall Association, the largest active organization on campus. More on-campus students could also boost a struggling Greek system.

"The myth is that the College is against Greek systems," said Carnahan. "The

school is interested and ready to support them."

There is a current national upswing in fraternities and sororities which gives speculation for several Greek chapters on campus. Greek organizations are designed for social interaction as well as service to the school and community.

A fraternity row lined with ivy-covered mansions does seem out of the picture for Southern, but increased dormitory space may provide alternatives with certain wings set aside for chapters to replace their houses.

"It is hard to survive without a house," said Carnahan. "I don't see houses on campus, but an increase in residence halls will help the Greeks."

## Department to sponsor English Day

By Rob Smith  
Campus Editor

English Field Day will be held on Friday, Dec. 5. The day, which will include 20 competitions, will involve more than 700 high school students from 21 different schools.

George Greenlee, assistant professor of English and coordinator of the field day, listed several purposes for the event.

"One is to give high school students a chance to visit the campus," Greenlee said. "It's also part of our service to the community, and it gives outstanding academic students at the high schools an opportunity to demonstrate their skills and knowledge."

Greenlee said the day is also designed to "increase the interest in and awareness of language arts skills."

The students will be welcomed to campus by the Missouri Southern lab band.

The field day will begin with registration from 8:15 a.m. to 8:50 a.m. on the third floor of the Billingsly Student Center. Competitions will be held at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., and 11 a.m. An awards ceremony will begin at 12:40 p.m. in the Connor Ballroom. All competitions will be held in Hearnes Hall and the BSC.

"We will be using all the teachers in the English department and about 30 outstanding students from across campus (to assist with the field day)," Greenlee said.

Some of the competitions have been divided into particular age groups. The field day will include three college bowls.

The English department is adding two competitions this year—"Commas" and "Scramlets."

In the "Commas" event, students will have to determine whether commas have been used correctly and where needed. The "Commas" competition is open to all

levels.

The "Scramlets" and verbal logic competition will include scramlet puzzles similar to those found in the newspaper as well as questions in verbal logic. The competition is open to all levels.

"We add competitions every year," Greenlee said. "This will be the largest number of students we have had."

The 21 schools participating in the fifth annual English Field Days are Aurora, Carl Junction, Carthage, Cassville, East Newton, Grove (Okla.), Springfield-Hillcrest, Joplin Christian, Joplin High School, Joplin 9th, Springfield-Kickapoo, Lamar, McAuley, McDonald County, Monett, Mount Vernon, Neosho, Nevada, Pittsburg (Kan.), Sarcoxie, and Webb City. Greenlee said this is the first year Joplin Christian, Springfield-Kickapoo, Nevada, and Pittsburg have participated in the event.

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activities to still maintain a high GPA. To demonstrate exactly how tough the new honor standards are, one student senator pointed out during a Student Senate meeting that under the new system in order for a student to graduate summa cum laude (3.95 GPA) a student would only be allowed six hours of 'B' grades. This leaves little leeway for an extremely bright student, who may have trouble getting an 'A' in only two classes. For instance, if a student was to make a 'B' in the five-hour physical science course, this student would have to make an 'A' in every other class he or she takes to

graduate summa cum laude. By raising the honors standards, there is also the real risk that grade inflation may occur on a greater scale than before, which would be the opposite of what the Faculty Senate is aiming for. Many departments like having a certain number of honor graduates. If the standards are higher, even more 'A' grades could be handed out as a result.

What it essentially comes down to is, it doesn't matter if you graduate with a 4.0 or a 2.0 if the academic standards are not high enough to make it meaningful. If faculty members make their classes

challenging, then they will probably find students will push themselves more to meet those challenges.

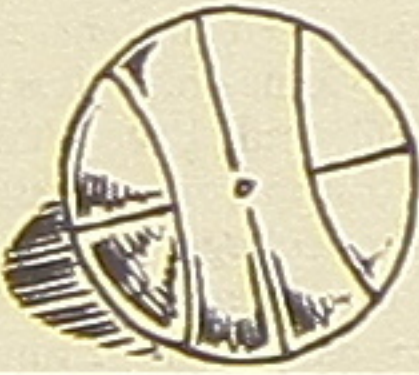

Like President Julio Leon said to the Faculty Senate, individuals have a tendency to stick with the minimum standards. However, if instructors make those minimum standards greater by more challenging course work, then it will not matter if there are 10 or 110 honor graduates from Southern, as long as they are each truly superior in comparison with other institutions.



Waxes

Freshman Jeff Turner, a Missouri Southern dormitory student from Joplin, takes advantage of the good weather to wash and wax his car. The warmer temperatures came after a short period of winter-like temperatures that moved through the area recently. (Chart photo by Rick Evans.)

## Upcoming Events

Today	English Club 12:15 p.m. BSC 306	Candy Corn Count all day Lions' Den	Newman Club 5 p.m. BSC 311	Men's Basketball vs. Rockhurst College 7:30 p.m. here
Tomorrow	A Thanksgiving Buffet will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the Connor Ballroom. The menu includes both turkey and ham. The cost of the buffet is \$3.50.		Christian Science Organization 4 p.m. BSC 311	Lady Lions' Basketball vs. William Woods College 7 p.m. away
Weekend	Lady Lions' Basketball vs. Northeastern Illinois 2:30 p.m. away		Lady Lions' Basketball at McKendree College 9 p.m.	CAB Christmas shopping in Tulsa
Monday	Pie Eating Contest 11 a.m. Lions's Den	Honors Colloquium 2 p.m. BSC 311	Sigma Nu 5:30 p.m. BSC 306	Men's Basketball at Arkansas Tech 7 p.m.
Tuesday		Job Interview American States Insurance Co. multi-line insurance underwriter		
Wednesday	Thanksgiving	break	classes	dismissed

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## Expressionist questions talent

By Amber Wilson  
Staff Writer

Calling himself an "abstract" artist, Ovie Pritchett remembers the first award he ever received.

"I was in the fourth grade and living in Oregon," said Pritchett, a senior art major from Webb City. "I won first place in a fire safety poster contest, and I was really excited."

Pritchett, who was named after his father and grandfather, chose Missouri Southern because it is close to home.

"If MSSC wasn't here, I probably wouldn't be attending college at all," he said. "So, of course, I'm extremely glad it's here."

Pritchett says he has always been interested in art.

"My dad owned a gas station, and I'd always draw the gas station," he said. "My dad thought it was just terrific. He thought it was great to have an artist for a son."

"I've always felt anyone could be an artist, but maybe I'm wrong, because I have seen a lot of people who were terrible."

Pritchett believes there is no such thing as talent.

"Talent is a sub-conscious drive. You have to work with yourself, push yourself. Talent is an evasive word. I mean, what is talent?"

After graduating in May, Pritchett hopes to go to graduate school at the Chicago Art Institute or the University of Michigan.

"Someday I'd like to study at the Art Students League in New York City," he

said. "I want to paint, and I'll do anything that will give me the money to paint and keep my family going. I would love to go to Paris and paint the Eiffel Tower."

"I can see myself teaching, but I'm not sure," said Pritchett. "If I discover I have found something new to teach, I'd be satisfied with teaching. I enjoy giving advice about art."



Ovie Pritchett

Pritchett says his main interests are abstract and non-objective art.

"I'm a bad critic of my own art, but I think everyone is until they stand back and think about it," he said.

Picasso is an artist who has had a commanding effect on Pritchett.

"He is basically why I'm an artist," Pritchett said. "Everything of his is so powerful. Even his very simple drawings show

style and creativity."

Abstract expressionists such as Rothko and DeKooning have also had an effect on Pritchett.

"Non-objective art is very important to me," he said.

The 26-year-old artist, who resides in Webb City, is married and has a 21-month-old son named Zachary. Pritchett works at Spiva Art Center part-time, and in his free time he enjoys racquetball and spending time with his son.

"I like to shock people with non-objective art around this area," he said. "It's a valid art, and it should be dealt with seriously. Around here, there is a bad attitude about abstract art. People don't accept it. They want a barn in a field of flowers hanging on the wall."

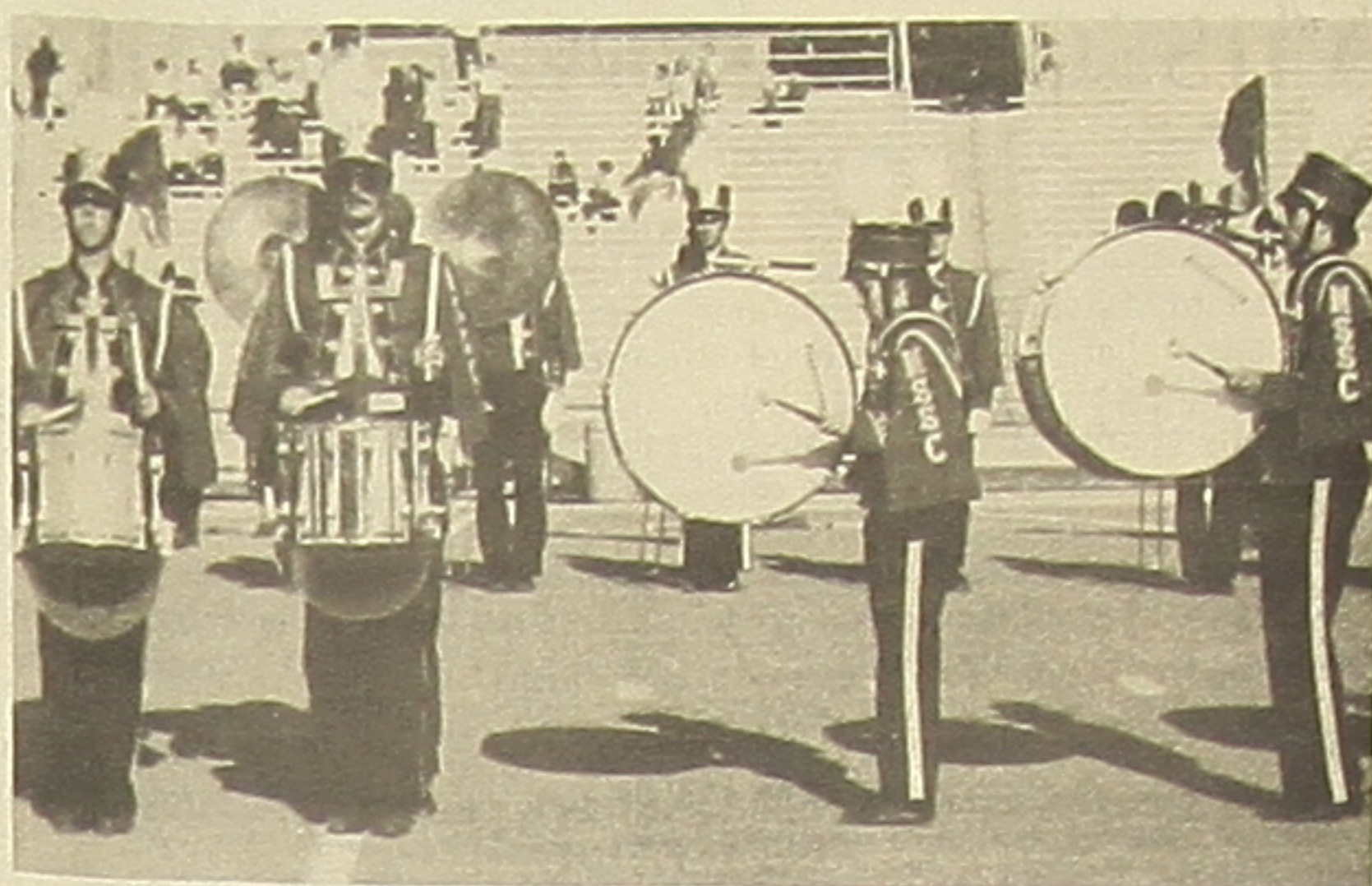
"More and more artists are expressing their feelings nowadays, and that's the way it should be—not just a painting hanging on the wall."

Pritchett will be participating in the senior art show at Southern, which runs May 3-16.

"I've sold some prints, pottery, and some paintings," Pritchett said. "One lady from California saw my exhibit at the library, and bought one of my pots, and took it back to California. I was very flattered."

Art is never boring, Pritchett believes. "I'm fascinated by art," he said. "All kinds of art interests me: theater, music. I'd like to get into videos. They're really a big thing now. Performance art is also a very interesting new concept."

"I want to take modern art to an extreme."



Percussion

(Above) The Missouri Southern Lion Pride Marching Band drum line is shown playing for Southern fans during the halftime show of a home game this past season. A new approach and a new attitude helped the drum line gain recognition this past semester.

## Drum line is praised

By Ken Kinder  
Chart Reporter

This year's drum line at Missouri Southern has a new approach, a new attitude, and according to Robert Meeks, has made great strides in musicianship.

"They've just done real well this year," said Meeks, assistant band director. "They've been very enthusiastic and have made a lot of people take notice of the Lion Pride."

"It's 100 per cent better than last year," said David Charles, a snare drummer in the Lion Pride "drum line." "Last year we had problems with some people who didn't feel as strongly about the music as I feel. We do this year. Our group this year seems to have more of a musical attitude toward it. They feel the music is important, and it needs to be heard."

Charles is a senior at Southern. He graduated from a high school in Hawaii, and is considered to be a "driving force" in the section by both his peers and directors.

Another snare drummer considered to be one of the leaders in this percussion section is Ron Albers, a senior from Mount Vernon.

"It's a lot easier for the band to work with us," said Albers. "We think we've improved and grown closer as a section."

The section consists of three snare drummers—Charles, Albers, and Tony Brower, a junior from McDonald County. On quads (a set-up of four drums played by one percussionist) is Richard Clemons, a freshman from Neosho. The bass drums are handled by Lynette Snell, a junior from Fayetteville; Kenny Mayer, a junior from Neosho; and Brent Clark, a freshman from Joplin.

Mallet percussionists are Joel Weeks, a senior from Joplin; Mary Cope, a senior from Joplin; Melissa Snow, a sophomore from Seneca; and Sarah Sexton, a freshman from Washburn. The cymbal players this year are all newcomers to the percussion section. They are Leah Sweeney,

a freshman from Carthage; Tresa Garrett, a junior from Carl Junction; and Stephanie Van Gilder, a freshman from Carthage.

The section has worked on overall technique this semester, with good results. Also, this year the drummers have worked on "visuals" in their routines for the field.

"Visuals are things the drum line does to call attention to itself," Charles said. "The cymbals can reflect light up into the crowd and catch their eye. In our drum feature this year we did these 'Hungarian Kicks,' and the light would reflect off the drum shells, and it was pretty interesting."

Tresa Garrett is a newcomer to the drum line this year. She is usually a saxophone player, but this year decided to take up cymbals.

"I used to think that the guys in the drum line had it so easy, but now that I'm in the section I realize that it is really hard work," said Garrett. "They really are constructive in their criticism, too."

The drum line is not only a part of the band, but it has developed a real "family attitude toward the section," according to Meeks.

"It's by far the closest bunch I've been associated with, even through high school," said Albers. "We're all really good friends."

After one of the band's recruiting trips to Independence, Kan., the section got together for a "drum line party."

"A few of us cooked dinner, and the whole section came over and stayed up until three or four in the morning listening to music," said Charles. "It's brought us closer together, not only as friends but as a tighter section as well."

The end of football season doesn't mean the end of the drum line's season. Members are now gearing up for Christmas parades and hope to do some halftime shows during basketball season.

"I would put them right up with any drum line in Missouri," said Meeks. "We would be smaller, but these kids are every bit as good as any in the state."

## Reviewer picks best hits of 1986

By Erik Schrader  
Staff Writer

As 1986 draws to a close, it is tough to single out exceptional performances in music for the year.

This will go down as a year of nostalgia, from the re-charting of the Beatles classic "Twist and Shout" to Ben E. King's "Stand By Me" to the reforming of the Monkees. This has been a year to look back.

Established acts like *Starship*, *The Beach Boys*, Rod Stewart, Elton John, Tina Turner, and Bob Seger all continued to find success on the charts, but none of them came forth with any groundbreaking material, either.

This is why it is hard to pick the best of 1986—very little of the music put out this year sounds much different than the music of 1985. Nevertheless, some music did stand out.

There are really only two songs I considered for dance song of the year. While Janet Jackson and *Run-DMC* put out good dance songs, their efforts paled in comparison to last spring's "Let's Go All

the Way" by *Sly Fox* and the summer hit "We Don't Have To Take Our Clothes Off" by Jermaine Stewart. Those two songs are so much better than their competition that to try to pick one over the other would be impossible. After a poll of my friends resulted in a tie, I have decided to call it a draw. Sly and Jermaine can share the honor.

The toughest decisions of the year are best song and best album. I try to pick commercial successes in these categories, but I don't just look at the sales. While "Rock Me Amadeus" may have sold a few million copies, I don't feel like it will still be played in 20 years.

On that basis, some possibilities might be Mr. Mister's "Kyrie," Peter Gabriel's "Sledgehammer," Steve Winwood's "Higher Love," and even Paul Simon's "You Can Call Me Al." These songs all combined interesting lyrics with commercial success. Other songs that stood apart from the crowd included "The Captain of Her Heart," from *Double*, "Calling America" from *ELO*, and "When the Heart Rules the Mind" from *GTR*.

There are a few more songs I could mention that didn't achieve commercial success, like "Bring on the Dancing

Horses" from *Echo and the Bunnymen*, the Everly Brothers' "Born Yesterday," and scores more that caught my attention. In the end, though, it would be impossible to pick one song above all the others this year. The diversity of today's music has made me more open minded. Just listen to all these songs and make your own choices...

Diversity is what finally helped me decide the album of the year, which is the soundtrack of *Pretty In Pink*.

The music on it ranges from mellow synthesizer music like *O.M.D.'s* "If You Leave" to inner city new wave like Suzanne Vega's "Left of Center" to the English romance beat of "Bring On the Dancing Horses," which I mentioned previously. You probably will not like every song on this album, but that is good. Maybe one of the cuts will jump out at you and you will discover a whole new branch of music. It happened to me. That is why this soundtrack with nothing more than average sales gets my vote...instead of being successful in 1986, it showcases the promise of 1987. Hopefully next year I will be as optimistic about 1988. Ask me next November...

## Director exposes morals

Next on the list of films to be shown by the Missouri Southern Film Society is the Italian black comedy *Seduced and Abandoned*.

This sixth program in the film festival will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2 in the Connor Ballroom of the Billingsly Student Center.

In *Seduced and Abandoned*, director Pietro Germi takes a pot shot at Sicilian mores, which followed closely on the heels of his earlier famous film *Divorce, Italian Style*. Germi comically explores the vintage statute stating that a man who forcibly abducts and seduces a woman must marry her. Agnese, an attractive 16-year-old, is seduced by Peppino. The enraged father intends to enforce Sicilian law to the letter and Peppino takes to the hills. He is retrieved in disgrace and is given two choices: marry Agnese or go to jail. The father suffers a heart attack, which complicates matters further.

*Seduced and Abandoned* illustrates

Germi's concern with the crimes committed in the name of honor and of family pride and the two faces of man in his moral attitudes toward women.

Judith Crist of the *New York Herald Tribune* described Germi's contribution thus: "With a hand so skilled that it can handle slapstick and farce with the same ease brought moments later to rearing drama and subtle wit, the Italian director reveals a universal truth amid the trappings of an engrossing and colorful regional comedy."

An excerpt of criticism from *Variety* reads: "The picture is filled with brilliant directorial touches...full-blooded portrayals."

Saro Urzi, as the enraged father, received the Best Actor Award at the Cannes Festival, and the Italian Academy Award for best director went to Germi.

Single admission at the door is \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for senior citizens and students.

## Symphony to entertain area

Appearing at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 29, at the Crowder College Auditorium in Neosho will be the Kansas City Symphony.

The Thanksgiving Holiday Concert is directed toward the entire family. Included in the program are *Roman Carnival Overture* by Berlioz, *First Essay for Orchestra* by Barber, and *Symphony No. 2 in D Major* by Beethoven. The second half of the program will include Gershwin's *Girl Crazy*, selections from *Camelot*, *Moon River*, and others.

Tickets are available in Joplin at Bob Massey Music, 215 E. 20th St. They are also available in Neosho at both Centerre Bank locations, The Print Shop, and Crowder College.

Adult tickets are \$7 pre-purchase, students \$4.50, and children 12 and under \$3. Fifty cents more will be charged if purchased at the door the night of the concert.

Special reserve seating is available. For more information on the concert, persons may call (417) 451-3226.

## Coming Attractions

CONCERTS				
Joplin	Mad Hatter Marionette Christmas Show Today—Saturday Northpark Mall	Nifty Gritty Dirt Band 8 p.m. Sunday Joplin Memorial Hall	Joplin Christmas Parade 7 p.m. Dec. 2 20th St. & Main to 1st St. & Main Joplin, Mo.	
Springfield	'Music Man' Tonight—Sunday and Nov. 27-30 Springfield Little Theatre 869-3869	Plays	RECITALS	'Ahmal and the Night Visitors' Nov. 30 Immaculate Conception Church 887-8161
Kansas City	Bad Company Saturday Memorial Hall Kansas City (816)576-7676	David Copperfield Sunday Midland Theatre	American Royal thru Sunday American Royal and Kemper Arena	David Sanborn Wednesday Midland Theatre
Tulsa	David Lee Roth and Cinderella tonight Tulsa Convention Center	Bad Company and BTO Sunday Brady Theatre	Oak Ridge Boys Dec. 5 Maybee Center	Lionel Richie and Sheila E. Dec. 6 Tulsa Convention Center
Area	'Agnes of God' Dinner Theatre tonight—Saturday Episcopal Church Carthage 358-7268	Brighton Beach Memoirs tonight—Saturday Grace Episcopal Church Carthage	Tri-statesmen Barbershop Quartet Concert Saturday Carthage 358-2227	Journey and Glass Tiger Dec. 4 Myriad Oklahoma City



## Missouri law requires passengers to wear safety belts

By Marvin Grimes  
Chart Reporter

New to Missouri Law is a requirement that all passengers of a motor vehicle wear safety belts, commonly referred to as seat belts.

This new law has caused quite a reaction from the motorists of Missouri as well as surrounding states. Only persons riding in a car built before 1964 are exempt from the law.

Some persons think the law is good, some think it is poor. Others say it is an infringement on constitutional rights.

"I think it is the stupidest thing they've come up with," said Roy Wade, a Galena, Kan., resident who often drives in Missouri. "I think whoever came up with the law should be shot; it's unfair and downright ignorant."

While this reaction may seem extreme, it is a typical response from persons opposed to states' enforcing safety requirements on the public.

Actually, safety requirements are not new to Missouri. The state has long had a law which makes use of a helmet mandatory when operating a motorcycle on any street or highway.

For the most part, persons who oppose the new seat belt law have never given the helmet law much thought.

"It's just that the helmet law makes more sense," said Montey Duncan, a Seneca resident. "When you're out there on a cycle you don't have anything to protect you, especially your head—I've ridden without one is states that don't require them, but I would not go across the country without a helmet."

Duncan's reaction to the new seat belt law is stronger.

"I don't think the government should tell us when to use a seat belt," he said. "I think I should have the rights of a free person guaranteed by the Constitution. I don't plan to wear one even if I get a ticket. It's my life."

Another factor involved in the opposi-



tion to the new law has to do with comfort.

"If you're a woman and you have a nice dress on, you don't want something strap-

ped across you messing it up," said Marie Grimes, a Joplin resident. "I have another reason I don't like the law. I don't want to be trapped in a burning car and not be

able to get out."

For every person opposed to the law, there is another in favor of it.

"I've always worn one," said Steven Marks of Joplin. "You're a fool if you don't. I have been in a couple of wrecks, and if I wouldn't have had my seat belt on, I could have been killed. Everyone who does not obey the new law deserves a ticket."

While debate continues over whether Missouri's new seat belt law is a good one, not many persons seem to be changing habits because of it.

Virtually all persons interviewed who opposed the law said it would be useless to try to get the law changed.

Also, all of those for the law said the enactment of it did not change their behavior.

Persons for the safety belt law continue to wear seat belts, while persons opposed still do not wear them.

"I'll cut 'em out of my car if I have to," said Wade. "I won't wear the silly things."

## All states now have safety seat laws

Magazine articles urge all parents to take adequate safety precautions

By Chris Quarton  
Chart Reporter

Restraining young children in safety seats while riding in automobiles is now required by law.

According to the article, "A Matter of Life and Death," which appeared in the May 1986 issue of *Parents* magazine, as of July 1, 1985, all 50 states have child restraint laws requiring children under a certain age or size to ride in an approved restraint system.

The article also stated that in 1984, 424 children under the age of five were killed in passenger cars. During that same year, the number of children injured in motor vehicles reached 77,000.

"Car Safety," an article which appeared in the February 1984 issue of the same magazine, made the point that auto accidents are the leading cause of injury and death for young children. In most cases, it is due to the fact that parents fail to take

adequate safety precautions.

Randy Spencer, a Webb City police officer, said he is a firm believer in the use of safety seats.

"In this area, the safety seats are oftentimes not used enough," he said. "One of my biggest pet peeves is seeing a young child who is not restrained."

Ray Mathis, owner of the True Value hardware store in Carthage, said there has been little to moderate interest in the child restraints sold at his store.

"They seem to sell better in the spring and during June," he said. "That is around the time when many people get married."

"A Matter of Life and Death" contains other relevant information. For instance, most serious and fatal injuries of unrestrained children occur under 40 miles per hour.

Besides that, safety seats can reduce fatalities by as much as 80 per cent, but this is only possible if they are used.

Both articles stress the fact that safety

experts say the safest possible place for any child safety restraint in a motor vehicle is the middle of the back seat.

Coleen Carter, assistant manager of the soft lines division in the Wal-Mart store in Carthage, said the safety restraints sold in the toddlers and infants section are "consistent, steady sellers."

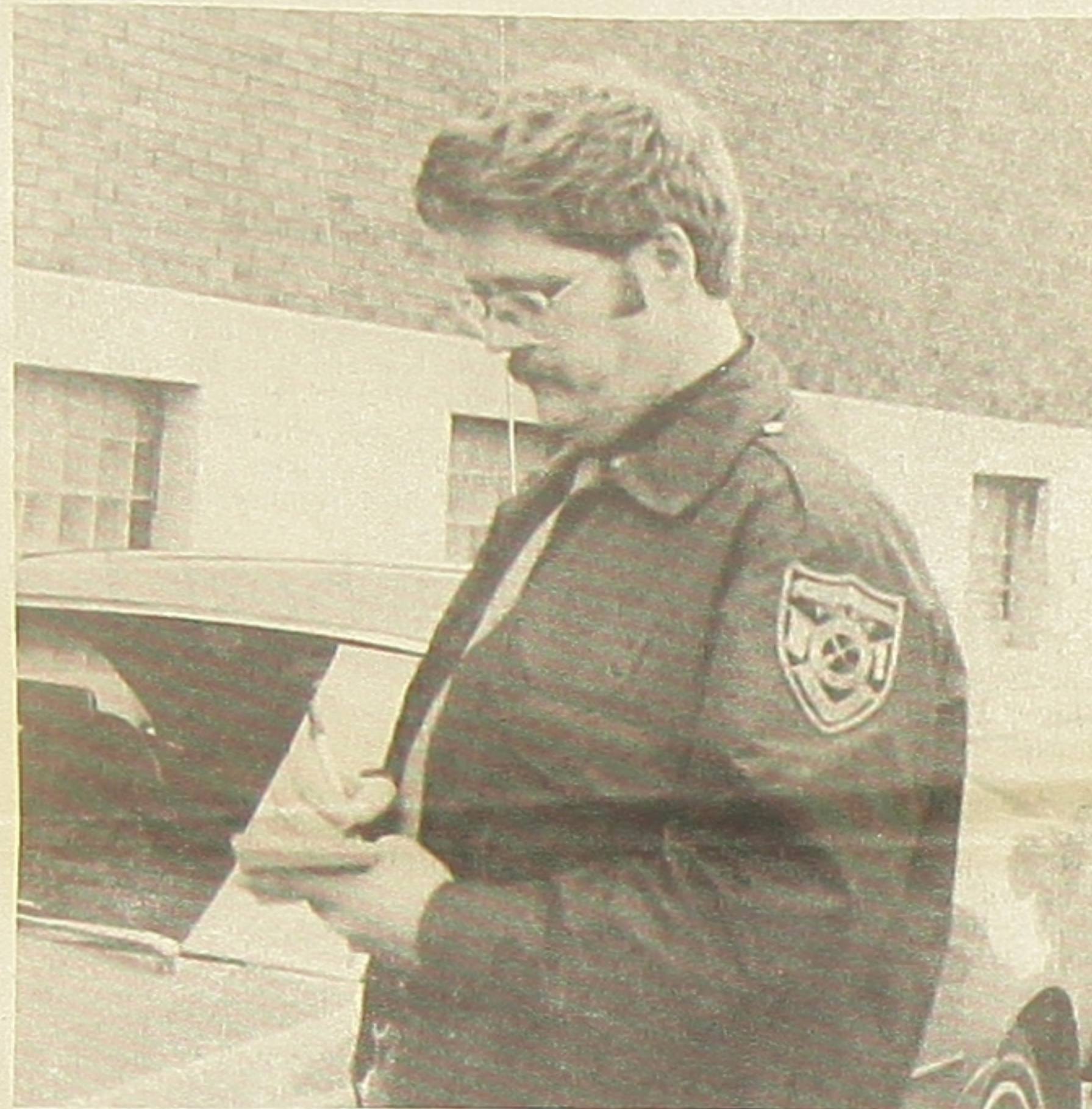
Said Carter, "Sales have increased since the law was passed."

Spencer strongly believes safety restraints are needed for all children.

"We have had several reports around here of accidents involving unrestrained kids," he said. "Many people ignore the fact that safety seats are needed."

"Car Safety" also mentions that Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards require all auto devices for infants to stand up to actual crash tests. They must distribute crash force evenly over large body areas.

Statistics prove safety restraints are necessary for the well-being of small children.



Safety first

One of Randy Spencer's pet peeves is seeing a child in a car who is not restrained in a safety seat. Spencer is a Webb City police officer and Missouri Southern student. (Chart photo by Sean Vanslyke)

## Liability insurance will be mandatory

By Kelli Roark  
Staff Writer

In July 1987, a compulsory automobile insurance law will go into effect in Missouri.

The law will require anyone operating a motor vehicle in Missouri to carry liability insurance. To receive a driver license or renew car tags, one will need to show proof of insurance.

Liability coverage protects policyholders if an auto accident they are responsible for causes bodily injury or property damage to another person.

According to Robert Smith, insurance agent for Farmers Insurance Group, rates probably will not be affected because insurance companies will be paying out less money on uninsured motorists' claims.

Although it will be a law, some people may try to avoid buying the insurance.

"Probably the worst that could happen," said Smith, "is that a person would lose their license."

Insurance companies do have reasons to dislike the law. The more laws there are dealing with insurance, the more control the states will have over the insurance companies.

Another reason for the companies to dislike the law is that they will be covering more undesirable.

Although most everyone can obtain insurance from one company or another, anyone who cannot receive insurance can obtain it through the Missouri Joint Underwriting Association.

Smith is in favor of the new law.

"From an idealistic standpoint, people should be held responsible for their actions," he said.

About half of the states in this country require motorists to carry liability in-

surance before they may own or drive a car.

Kent Goddard, insurance agent for Farmers Insurance Group, also agrees this law is a good idea.

"The burden should be spread equally," he said.

Automobile insurance is one of the most important types of insurance because of the expensive property damage and possible injuries that may result from a car accident. Drivers are legally responsible for any cost which is incurred from an accident they may have caused.

Most auto policies are package policies that offer both property and liability coverage. Although benefits vary according to the type of policy, most policies provide liability coverage, collision and comprehensive coverage, uninsured motorists coverage, and medical payments coverage.

## Youth survives accident

Parents form Jasper County MADD organization

By Tammy Baker and Diane Derryberry  
Chart Reporters

Brought within inches of death by a drunk driver, Jamie Murray struggles each day to regain a normal life.

On Saturday, July 20, 1985, Jamie was riding his 10-speed bicycle down State Highway 10 near Booneville, Ark.

Coming toward him was a 1985 Oldsmobile Cutlass driven by an unlicensed 17-year-old. The driver's blood alcohol content registered .16. He crossed the center line and hit Jamie head on.

After impact, Jamie was thrown 42 feet with the handlebars still in his hands. His bicycle was carried 75 feet before falling from the hood of the car.

Fortunately for Jamie, two men and a woman stopped to help, and also kept the offenders from leaving the scene, which they were intending to do. One of the men was an emergency medical technician who possibly saved Jamie's life.

Jamie sustained a broken leg, dislocated ribs, bruised lungs, internal bleeding, abrasions, and "extensive" brain damage.

"I wish those who drink and drive knew just what they put innocent people through," said Jane Murray, Jamie's mother. "It's a crime, a voluntary thing others do and make victims of innocent people."

Jamie was in intensive care for three weeks and two days at a hospital in Fort Smith, before being transferred to St. John's Regional Medical Center in Joplin. He is still undergoing therapy there.

"It's hard to sit by and watch Jamie now, knowing the way he used to be," said James Murray, Jamie's father.

Before the accident, Jamie was a 4.0 student at Oklahoma Christian College, a member of Kappa Sigma Tau, a cross-country runner, a baseball player, and a youth minister in Booneville. He was also a triathlete—an athlete who trains to compete in triathalons. In triathalons, a competitor must run five miles, bicycle 20 miles, and swim one-half mile.

It was during his training for the Spring River Triathlon that the accident occurred.

Since the accident, Jamie and his parents have had to make changes in their lives.

"The accident literally hurled us into a world of recuperation and coping with life-threatening situations," said Jamie's mother. "We also had to rearrange our priorities. It made us value our family and friends, and made us realize things and events are not so important."

James Murray is currently the president of the MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) organization in Jasper County.

"I believe the best way to protect ourselves and families is to become involved with organizations like MADD," said James. "We need to discuss these problems with our families and speak out against drunk driving."

MADD serves three main purposes. First, it serves victims of drunken drivers. Second, it serves to educate the public, and finally it helps in getting legislation passed regarding drunk driving.

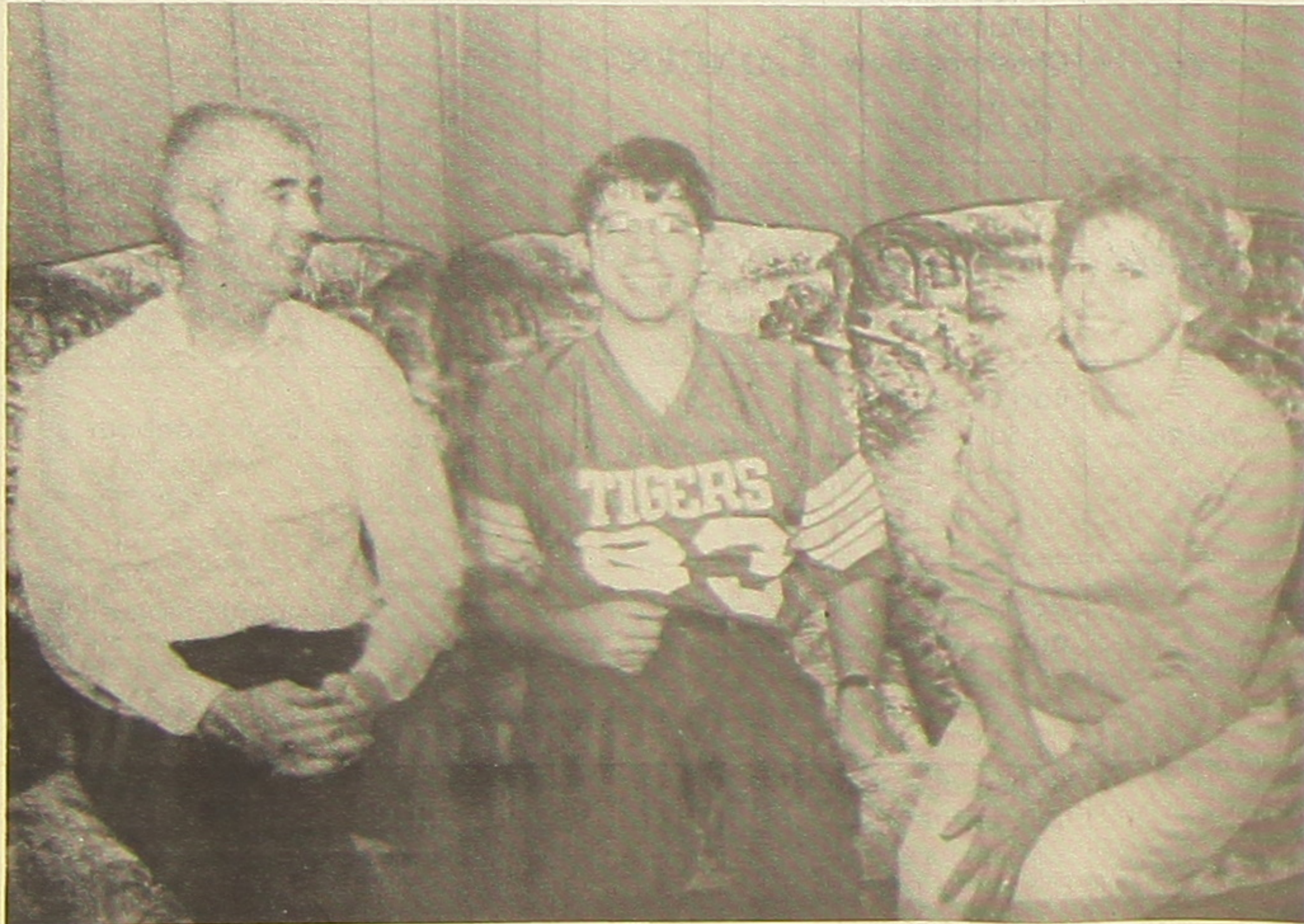
Concerned citizens, as well as people who have been directly affected by drunk drivers, have been contacted and are now part of Jasper County's MADD faction.

"Jamie has made great progress," said his mother. "He ran for the first time since the accident."

"He has come a long way, but it is still tough," said Jamie's father. "The other night while Jamie was lying in bed, he asked me 'Dad, when will I be normal again?' What can a person say to a question like that?"

"You might compare it to a man who has had his leg amputated," added his father. "He will say he is well, because his life is no longer threatened. But everyday he looks down and is reminded and has to deal with it. The scars will always be there."

Said Jamie, "My motto is 'When the going gets tough, the tough get going, because winners never quit, and quitters never win.'"



The James Murray family (From left: James, Jamie, and Jane)



# 'Rock-n-roll headquarters' draws crowd from entire four-state area

By Kathy Goodwin  
Staff Writer

It is known as "your rock-n-roll headquarters of the four states," or more commonly as Sgt. Peppers.

Sgt. Peppers is the place to be for over 1,000 people from 18 to 21 years old each week.

"They come here because their friends come here, and 18-year-olds can't get in (to a bar) anywhere in Missouri or Oklahoma," said Jay Scott, manager of the Galena, Kan., night club.

Most of those attending Sgt. Peppers are from either Missouri or Oklahoma, and are under 21, according to Scott.

"I really don't know what the kids from Galena do, because they don't usually come here in large numbers," Scott said.

Beer can be served by the pitcher or the glass to anyone who is 20 years old before July 1, 1986, but the law regarding the drinking age is about to change.

In July 1987 the legal drinking age in Kansas will go up to 21.

Scott does not foresee a change in the crowd in regard to the new drinking age,

as long as it still remains 18 to get into the club.

"That is up to the city (whether to change the age to get in)," he said. "A lot of people don't realize they can still get in at 18."

Currently in Galena there is much controversy about the consumption of beer by minors at the club, and drunk driving.

"We do refuse to serve people who are intoxicated, and we throw minors out for drinking," said Scott. "They can return to the club the next night we are open, but we will ban those who are repeat offenders."

Those who drink and drive in Kansas face the possibility of 48 hours in jail for the first offense.

"I think the kids are being more careful," Scott said. "We don't want to see anyone get hurt or get put into jail."

The club has also had to crack down on phony I.D.s. A fine can be assessed just for carrying one.

"Fake I.D.s are not our responsibility," said Scott. "We can't take college I.D.s any more because the police department said they are not a legal form of I.D. We have

had some problems with fake college I.D.s in the past. When we found out that the students were making them for other students, we couldn't accept them anymore.

"We're not here to get the public drunk. We're here to have a good time—a safe, responsible, good time."

Five dollars at the door buys all the beer or soda one can drink, depending on the age of the individual.

Scott sees Sgt. Peppers as an alternative to cruising Main Street in Joplin and to having parties out in the "boondocks" where it is not safe.

"You don't come here to get beer," Scott said. "We feel they (the patrons) are in an environment where someone can watch for them."

The night club is open every Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday nights until midnight to anyone who is at least 18 years old. Occasionally on Tuesday nights a "teen night" is held. "Teen night" is designed for youth from 13 to 17 years old, and provides them a place to dance and meet friends. The teens are served non-alcoholic beverages.



**Party place** Patrons at Sgt. Peppers have the opportunity to dance, drink, or just party with their friends. The club is located in Galena, Kan. (Chart photo by Sean Vanslyke)

# Sales remain stable in Pittsburg

Convenience stores report no noticeable decline in liquor sales

By Sherry Winningham  
Chart Reporter

Despite the fact the drinking age in Kansas has risen from 18 to 20, liquor sales in Pittsburg remain stable.

Convenience stores report no noticeable drop in sales, even though a customer must now have been born before July 1, 1966.

When the drinking age in Kansas was 18, carloads of Missouri teenagers headed for the state line each weekend.

"A lot of Missouri kids still come over here trying to buy beer," said Steve Gideon, Pittsburg Short Stop employee. "I think the age should have been raised a long time ago."

James Rubow, also a Short Stop employee, is glad to see the drinking age raised.

"At least the seniors at the high school can't buy beer now," he said. "If the drinking age saves even one life, it is worth it."

Competition forces some stores to lower prices, and lower prices lead to increased sales. Short Stop has put this philosophy to work and has noticed a sharp increase in the sale of beer due to the lower price.

Pittsburg Quick Trip came up with a promotional idea recently.

"All customers between the ages of 20 and 25 must be carded. If they are not and can provide proof of age, they receive a \$5 gift certificate from us," said Jan Nusbam, employee.

"The older age will help some, but not as much as the legislators think it will," said Todd Detwiler, Pittsburg Food Mart employee.

Even though the age has increased, minors are still able to get beer if they want it. All it takes is someone old enough to buy it for them.

"If they want to drink, they are going to find a way to do it," said Patricia McMillin, Pittsburg Coach House employee.

Becky Goodwin is employed at Fisca, just over the Kansas line into Missouri on Highway 160 near Mindenmine.

Said Goodwin, "Other people are going to buy beer for the kids. They will get it one way or another. They always do."

Goodwin has heard of many incidents in which adults, some of them parents, have bought alcohol for minors.

The accident rate will decrease only when the number of drunk drivers on the

road decreases.

"The more people that are drinking, the more accidents there will be," said Jack Embree, Mindenmine Party Store employee.

This likelihood is evident in the facts reported by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration:

- Although teenagers make up only 22 per cent of the drivers, they comprise 44 per cent of the drivers in alcohol-related accidents.
- On an average weekend night, one out of every 10 drivers on the road is drunk.
- Approximately 55 per cent of fatal crashes involve a driver who has been drinking.
- About 26,000 Americans are killed in drunk driving accidents yearly.
- Every driver has a 50 per cent chance of being in an alcohol-related crash in his or her lifetime.

Next year, the drinking age in Kansas will be 21. But, Kansans and Missourians alike foresee no change in the sale of liquor or its effects.

As Charles Russell, Pittsburg 7-Eleven employee, said, "They are going to get it somewhere. The age isn't going to stop them."

# Students voice opinions

By Cory Caudle  
Chart Reporter

Changing the drinking age in Kansas from 18 to 21 brings up some old arguments.

"It's an old argument," said Randy Hill, a Joplin resident. "I don't think 18-year-olds should be allowed to drink. They're not responsible drinkers at 18; I know, I was 18."

Some Missouri Southern students believe youth and alcohol cause too many problems in society. One good example is accidents caused by teenage drunk drivers.

The new law, to younger drivers, seems "unfair" to many Southern students.

"I don't like the new law," said Tom McMullah, a Southern student. "I can be drafted, vote, and prosecuted at 18, but I cannot drink."

"I don't like the changing law," said Nick Collins, another Southern student.

"It makes me illegal to do something I think I should be able to do."

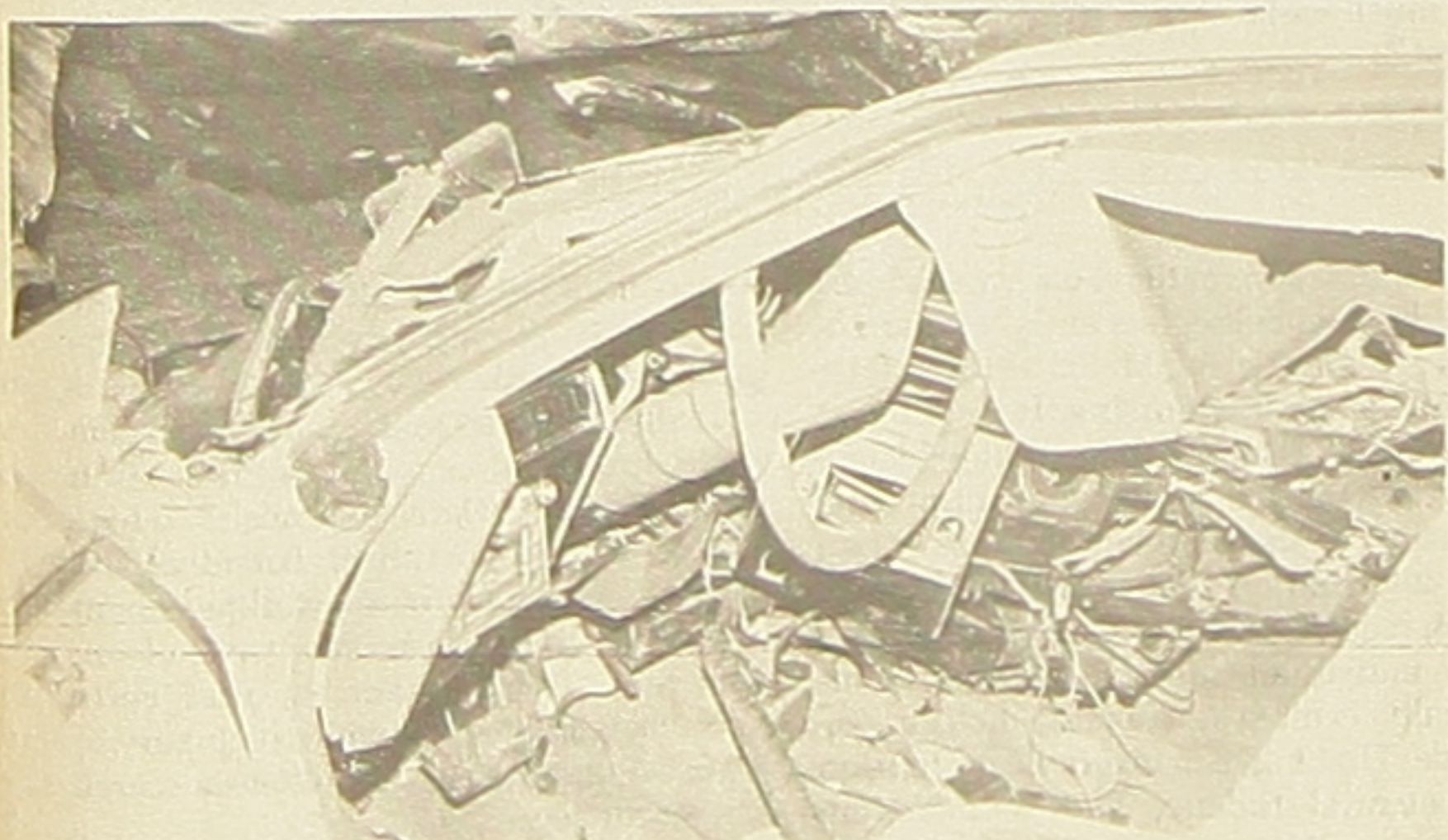
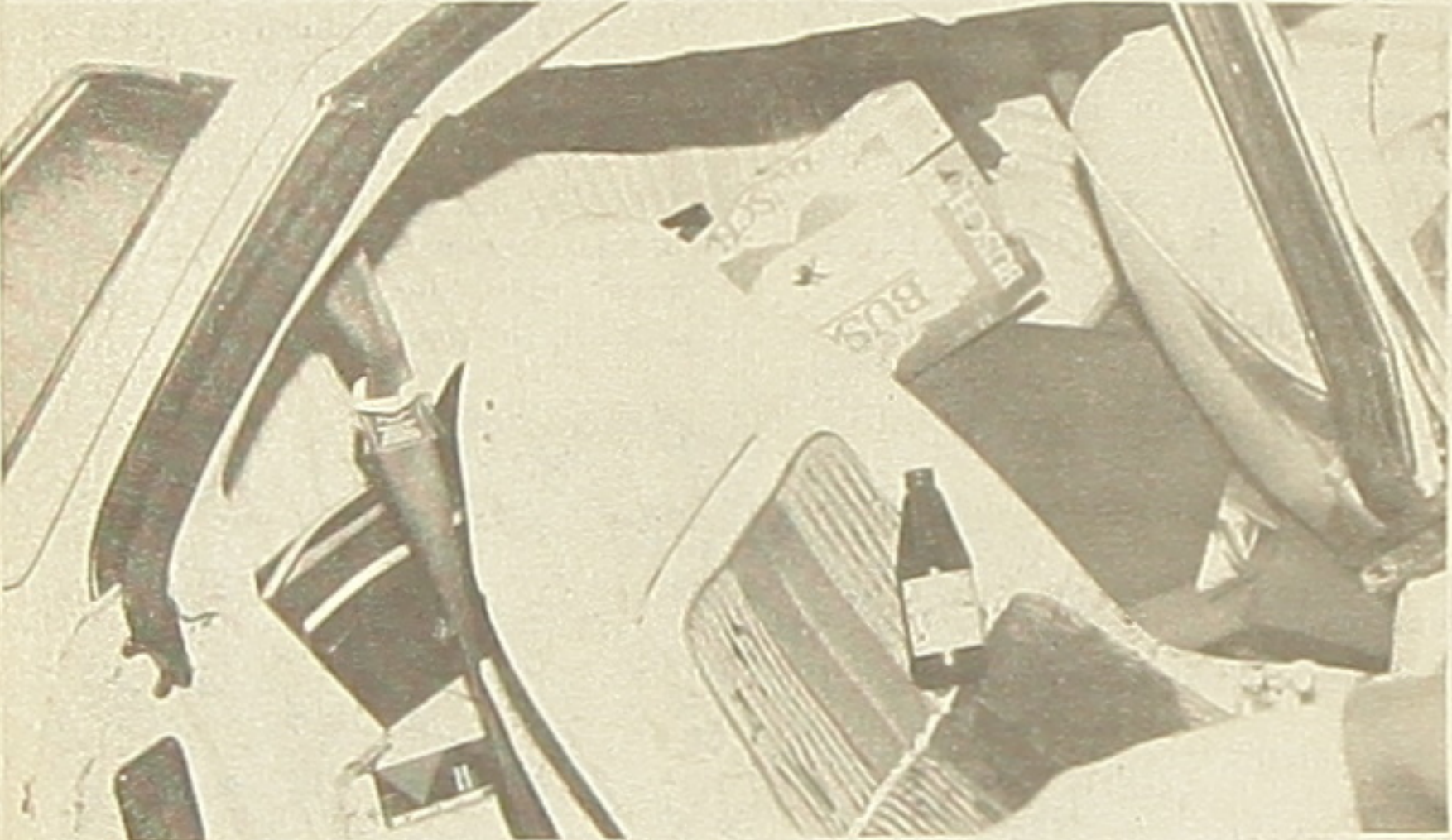
Some feel the reason for raising the drinking age might be that the government is just trying to keep some of the younger teenagers (16 to 17) from having easy access to alcohol. Some think the law is "dumb" because if someone wants to drink, he or she will.

"I think it is ridiculous because if a teenager wants to drink, all they have to do is pay someone to buy it for them," said John Dill, another Joplin resident.

As of July 1987, the legal drinking age in Kansas will be 21.

"It's a touchy situation," said Collins. "No matter how the laws are made, someone disagrees with them."

"I think the people who disagree with the changing law are the very same people who have been breaking that law," said Tammy Baker, a Southern student. "If you agree with the law, it doesn't really matter what the age is changed to."



**Fatal accident** The driver of this vehicle was killed instantly in a two-car accident in Webb City in December 1983. A passenger in the vehicle died before he could be removed from the automobile, while the driver of the other car was not injured. Both drivers were intoxicated. (Photos courtesy of Randy Spencer)

# New law has had no effect on saloon

18-year-olds still allowed to attend drinking establishments to dance and socialize

By Lisa Snyder  
Arts Editor

One of the most common arguments heard from 18-year-olds concerning the drinking age is "If I'm old enough to be drafted into war, I'm old enough to drink."

However, many states found this not to be a valid argument, and have since changed their drinking age laws.

The neighboring state of Kansas was one of these states. Since July 1, 1985, the age has increased one year progressively. On July 1, 1987, the drinking age in Kansas will be up to 21. At this point, drinking establishments have not found the age change to affect business.

"It might when it's all 21, but so far it hasn't affected our business," said Barbara "Mom" Kuplen, co-owner of the Rocking K Saloon in Pittsburg.

Kuplen's son, Steve, owner of the "K," said, "No, it hasn't affected us so far. We're not selling as much beer, but as far as door count, it's better than ever."

Under the new law, 18-year-olds are still allowed to attend the establishments, but they are not allowed to drink. The "K" has a policy of stamping hands twice if they are not of age to let the bartenders know they are not to serve beer to these people.

"The new law lets them be in here, but

not served alcohol," said Steve Kuplen.

This new law seems to work as it lets the younger adults frequent the establishments to dance and socialize.

"It's more of a partying place than '21' bars," said Barbara Kuplen.

This is apparently true, since many people over the age of 21 are still found in these bars.

Many people are found driving across

mixed drinks to be sold in the state.

Establishments will vote on whether to be an open bar or a private one. A license for a private bar costs \$1,000.

"If everyone has to be 21, it would be dumb to get a private license," said Barbara Kuplen.

"If it goes to open saloon, we'll serve mixed drinks," said her son.

The "K" does not seem to have a pro-

**"It (the new drinking age) hasn't affected us so far. We're not selling as much beer, but as far as door count, it's better than ever. The new law lets them (18-year-olds) be in here, but not served alcohol. If it goes to open saloon, we'll serve mixed drinks"**

—Steve Kuplen, owner of the Rocking K Saloon

the state lines to drink in Kansas.

"About 75 per cent of the people that come here are from either Oklahoma or Missouri. A few are even from Arkansas," said David Crystal, doorman at the "K."

"It's going to kill us," said Crystal, referring to the age changing to 21. "We might get a few older people back."

another law which has taken effect is the law that allows 5 per cent beer and

blem with people using phony I.D.s. Barbara Kuplen said, "It isn't against the law to sell fake I.D.s; it's against the law to use them."

Other establishments in Kansas seem to have the same outlook as the owners of the "K." The law may change, but the place will still be the same, and the regulars may very well stay just that—regulars.

# State offers alternative for traffic violators

By Tina Waggener  
Chart Reporter

Completion of a driver improvement program may be a favorable alternative for traffic violators.

As of Jan. 1, 1984, traffic violators have the right to request acceptance in a defensive driving course in lieu of the assessment of points against their license.

"Most people are not aware that the law exists," said Sergeant Cleman Keller of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. "In most incidences it is the responsibility of the offender to request the course in waiver of the penalty."

In Missouri, drivers are assessed points for most traffic violations. Accumulation of eight points within an 18-month period

results in the suspension of a person's driver license and privileges.

According to Robert Freeman, defensive driving instructor, the program is part of the National Safety Council's campaign to reduce accidents by teaching defensive driving methods and increase driver awareness.

Last year, traffic accidents accounted for more than 50,000 deaths, nearly two million disabling injuries, and approximately \$15 billion in property damages.

Said Freeman, "Based on past records, 66 to 85 per cent of all traffic violations are due to human error. The most common type of collision in southwest Missouri is vehicles running off the road and hitting something."

"The program is not limited to traffic

violators," he said. "Many companies across the nation require employees who drive company vehicles to complete the course. The purpose is to teach people to be better and safer drivers."

The defensive driving course is offered to area residents at the Franklin Technical School in Joplin every odd-numbered month. The eight-hour course is held the second and third Wednesday of the month from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The cost is \$25.

Completion of the course may not be accepted in lieu of points more than one time in any 36-month period, and must be completed within 60 days of the date of conviction.

For further information about the course, persons may contact the Jasper County deputy clerk in Carthage.



## Being known as actor important McGowne feels acting is release from personal problems

By Pat Nagel  
Chart Reporter

Being known as a famous actor is important to Alan McGowne, a freshman theatre major from Willard.

"Since I was a little kid, I've always wanted to be an actor, where a lot of kids wanted to be a fireman, astronaut, or a policeman, or something like that," McGowne said.

"I always thought that it would be fun being able to get up and be somebody else for awhile," McGowne said. "It acts as a release from your own personal problems and worries and gives you a chance to work with your creativeness in a worthwhile manner."

McGowne has resided in rural Willard for the past 10 years with his family. He has two older sisters, and an older brother who is attending Drury College in Springfield.

"I live on a little farm, but I hate cows. For the most part, I liked being with my friends in a place where I can do things, which is in the city. I'm more of a city boy

than anything," McGowne said. "I like the solitude of the country; I like being by myself. The peace and tranquility give me a chance to wind down from the day's pressures."

In his spare time, McGowne likes to play hacky sack, a coordination exercise developed for soccer players that has become a new sport around the globe.

"I don't have very many hobbies really. I just enjoy being with my friends having a good time and goofing off," he said. "A friend and I do like to hunt rabbits in the winter, though. For some reason that gives me enjoyment, otherwise I don't like hunting."

McGowne has a midnight-blue 1967 Ford Mustang that he received as a graduation present from his parents.

"I've got a lot of things keeping me busy now. I have been elected to the Student Senate and I pledged Sigma Nu fraternity," McGowne said.

"It's fun here. I'm really having a great time. I haven't had too much work yet, and lately I have had a lot of free time in which to enjoy myself. If there is nothing else better to do, you can go to a friend's

room and just talk, and they are more than happy to see you," McGowne said. McGowne is a member of College Players, and has been involved with two plays this semester.

"I was house manager for *A Pack Of Lies*. In other words, I acted as the liaison between the public and the performers," McGowne said. "In *Cinderella* I have a lead role in which I play the part of Hal, the prince's best friend."

"Since it is a lead role, I'm kind of proud of myself. I am only a freshman and just auditioned for my first college performance, and I got it."

He also thinks the instructors here are "great."

"I am getting along fine with them. They may be hard teachers, but the way they present the subject keeps your attention and makes the class enjoyable."

"Being famous isn't as important to me as you might think. It's just that if people recognize me and think I'm good, then I'll know I've accomplished something," said McGowne. "That's all I really want."



Rehearses

Playing the part of Hal, Alan McGowne (center) rehearses a scene from *Cinderella* with fellow cast members Dawn Schinn, playing Cinderella, and Jim Billingsley, playing the prince. (Chart photo by Rick Evans)

## McGatha enjoys keeping Den clean

By Randy Bowman  
Chart Reporter

Who keeps the Missouri Southern Lions' Den looking like a real lion's den?

Don McGatha, custodian on the bottom floor of the Billingsly Student Center, enjoys keeping the area clean.

"I enjoy keeping the Den clean so that the kids will have a nice place to eat or just sit and visit," he said.

McGatha began working for Southern last spring after cattle farming became unprofitable.

"It's really a nice place to work," said McGatha. "You meet so many interesting people down here."

"The job is just about right," he said. "There's enough time to do all my work and still visit with the people in the Den."

McGatha was born in 1936. He was born sixth into a family of 11. He was reared in Stockton, Mo., and attended Stockton High School. After graduation, he worked on his father's farm and roamed around doing odd jobs.

"I really enjoyed those years between 18 and 24," said McGatha, "the good 'ole days, but at that young age I guess they are good days for everyone."

Every year he would make a trip to Washington state for the apple harvest. "I'd always leave about a month early

and work my way to Washington," he said. "You see a lot of country and meet many interesting people that way."

After the "good 'ole days" McGatha joined the Army, where he served a two-year hitch operating heavy machinery.

"It was supposed to be for just one year," said McGatha, "but war in Vietnam caused me to stay for another year."

out by 11 votes in the 1985 election," said McGatha, "but I was ready to get out of politics."

"It got to where you couldn't please anyone," he said. "Everyone wanted money. If you could give them funds you were great; if you couldn't, you just got a lot of static."

McGatha went back to just raising cat-

**"I enjoy keeping the Den clean so that the kids will have a nice place to eat or just sit and visit."**

—Don McGatha, custodian



Don McGatha

## Duncan receives reward from positive feedback

By Megan Tomasik  
Staff Writer

Bright smiles are what make Lori Duncan tick. This makes sense, due to the fact that she is a dental hygiene major at Missouri Southern.

Over the past year-and-a-half, she has been involved with the dental hygiene program directed by Dr. Sandra Scorse.

Duncan said, "Dr. Scorse is known for graduating the very first hygiene class from Missouri Southern 10 years ago."

She said the program teaches the students many skills. These skills range from educating others about proper oral care, cleaning teeth, to assisting in surgical procedures.

"I feel that the time I've put into the dental hygiene program has been well spent," Duncan said. "I know I have more than a solid background in the dental hygiene field."

Duncan has also had the chance to work with patients of her own. This is possible through the program associated with the Indian Clinic located in Miami, Okla.

The Indian Clinic serves any person who is of Indian relation.

"The services are totally free because they are funded by the government," she said.

Duncan also stressed that the services are free even to people with only a small percentage of the Indian relation.

"The least amount of Indian relation that a patient of mine has ever had is 1/28 Indian," she said.

**"I feel that the time I've put into the dental hygiene program has been well spent."**

—Lori Duncan, dental hygiene major

• Duncan said working with patients of her own is encouraging.

"The positive feedback I receive from them is the biggest reward," she said.

Dental hygiene is not Duncan's only concern. She said she also enjoys to travel, and she enjoys cats even more.

"I love all animals, but cats hold a place in the soft side of my heart," Duncan said.

She has three cats. Their names are Bandit,

Silver, and Emma.

"My Dad is the one person who aroused my interest in cats," she said. "He loves them more than I do."

Duncan was born in Rogers, Ark. Her parents still live in Rogers.

"Although I live on campus during the school year, Rogers is the only place I could truly call

home," she said.

Duncan went said that even though Rogers is her home, her future career plans include staying in the immediate Joplin area.

She will be graduating in May. She expressed her feelings of anxiousness, and said she was more than ready to enter the "real world."

"My philosophy on life is to take one day at a time," she said. "That way it is much easier to keep everything in proper aspect."



Lori Duncan

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terrific job with the college TV and radio stations, also.

First-hand I observe nursing students who are managing family responsibilities, a part-time job, commuting and a demanding schedule of study and keeping their wits about them, most of the time. Most of them will survive and will go out into the world to serve mankind as very good nurses. I know that from the many who have gone before them to establish a strong reputation for this school. That is only possible because of the very factors Lance mentioned, "quality faculty and staff" both in nursing and the general education courses that contribute to a sound knowledge base.

The general attitude of Southern's faculty and staff is one of cooperation and

helpfulness. Several times each week I talk with high school seniors and their parents who are considering MSSC as the college to attend to study nursing. It is with certainty that I say to them that I believe everyone they encounter on campus will be happy to answer their questions or give any information that is desired. Admissions, registrar, counseling, Dean's offices, and individual faculty members continually exhibit a friendly, helpful attitude. That makes a favorable impression on potential students. That is one reason we are growing.

One of the largest gatherings that has taken place on our campus this semester was for the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast. This was evidence of the spiritual integrity of a large group of people. That spirit of

cooperation between the college and the community is another factor in the growth of Southern.

I hope and pray that my new grandson will be fortunate enough to grow up in such a climate: relatively peaceful, where people are co-operative, friendly, and helpful. A world where headlines about a current major problem tell of an epidemic of Brucemanism or Boss Fever and where educators enjoy the luxury of a peaceful existence that allows a search for excellence.

**Attention  
Clubs & Organizations:  
Don't be left out!**

**Yearbook group pictures  
are to be taken by Nov. 25th.**

**For more information contact  
JoAnn Hollis at ext. 228**



## Council considers annexation of 25-acre tract of land

By Pat Halverson  
Editor-in-chief

Future annexation of a 25-acre tract of land owned by the Joplin Sertoma Club will be considered by the Joplin City Council.

Sertoma Club President Jerry Herbert and other club representatives appeared at Monday night's pre-Council session of the City Council meeting to request the annexation.

The property, located north of Joplin between Lone Elm Road and old North Main Street Road, has been designated by the club for the construction of fairgrounds to serve the Joplin area. Annexation to the city of Joplin would provide services such as fire and police protection for the proposed fairgrounds, as well as city sewer lines.

Herbert said the club plans to stage events on the grounds which would generate tax revenues for the city. He said if the city could not or would not provide services, the group would attempt to find the means to provide the services so that the project could be developed as planned.

The property abuts the north edge of Joplin's city limits, and some city services are already available.

"We need to know what the impact (of annexation) will be," said Councilman Earl Carr, "and what the obligations are to the city."

Councilman Clyde Morrison agreed. "We need to find out what is needed," he said. "It would take a vote by the city of Joplin. We could get it on the April election."

City Attorney Mike Talley said the action would require presenting the issue to the voters as an amendment to the home rule charter.

Council members requested a report on the feasibility of the annexation.

Joplin's fire department was directed to begin responding immediately to alarms in the village of Sunnyvale. The village is scheduled to consolidate with Joplin on Jan. 1.

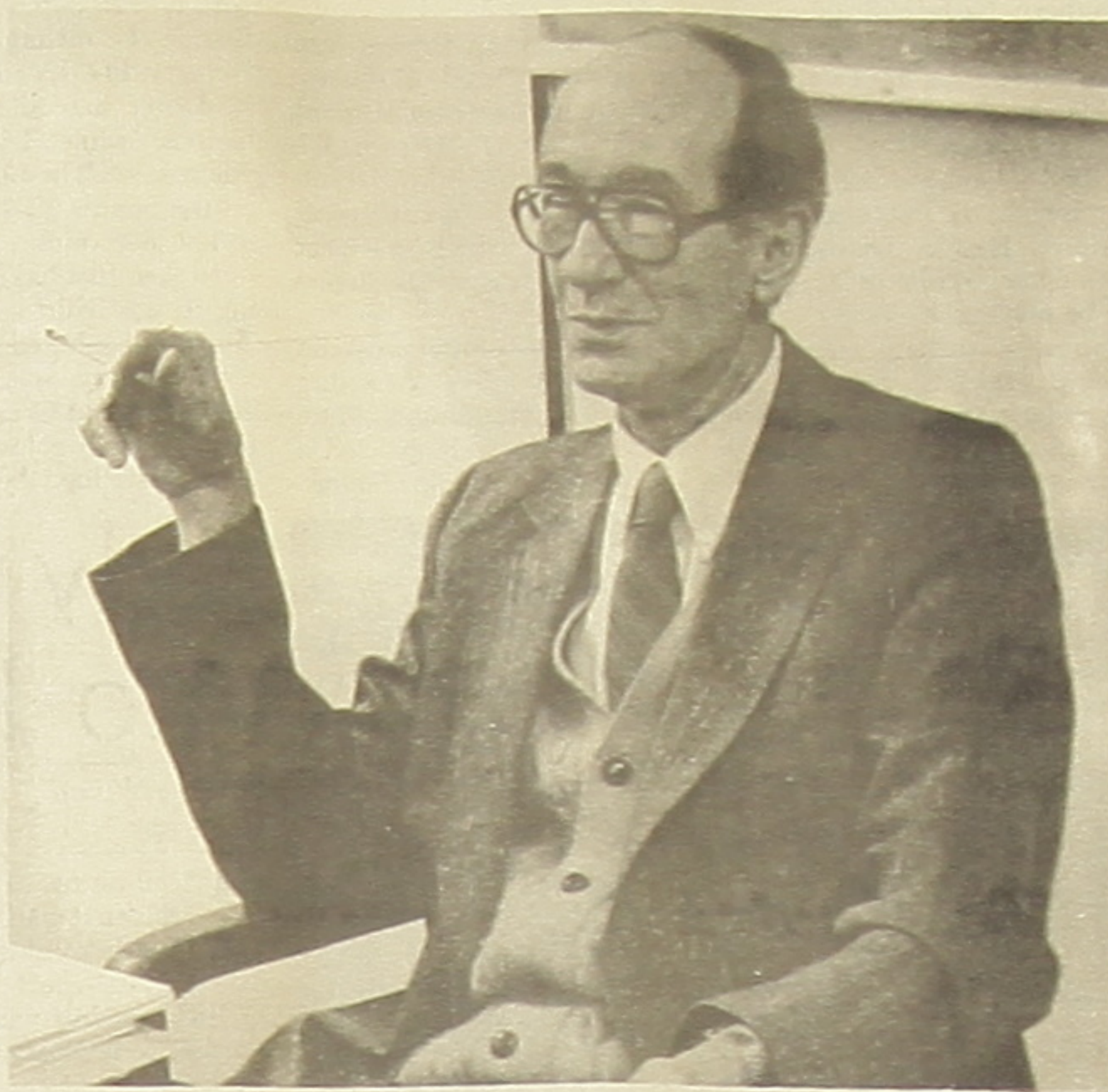
Joplin's fire department has always responded to calls in the Sunnyvale area when lives were in danger, but did not respond to alarms involving property only. Sunnyvale is in the Redings Mill Fire Protection District. Sunnyvale residents now have the option of calling the Joplin or Redings Mill fire departments.

A recommendation to raise rent charges to car rental agencies occupying space at the Joplin Municipal Airport was turned down by Council members.

According to Craig Fisher, administrative assistant for the public works department, there has been no increase in rental charges to the firms since 1979. The recommended increase was designed to bring revenues back to the 1979 figure of 25 per cent of airport revenue. The raise would have raised annual combined revenues from the four firms to \$46,000, up from the \$37,000 the airport receives from current fees.

"We could create a situation where they (the car rental agencies) might pull out," said Councilman Bill Searce. "The purpose of the airport is service, not revenue generation."

"This is the wrong thing to do," said



Mayor Donald Clark

Councilman Earl Carr. "When Joplin lost jet service, it hurt them (the agencies), too."

The number of passengers using the Joplin airport has declined from 6,500 in 1979 to 4,200 this year.

City Manager Leonard Martin said he expects professional assessments and interviews for the position of police chief to be held the week of Dec. 15.

A screening committee will help narrow the field of 130 candidates down to

15 semi-finalists. Martin said the Council committee will then be asked to trim that list to six candidates. The six finalists will be interviewed and a professional assessment will be conducted by the Missouri Police Chief's Association.

Council members Robert Murray, Cheryl Dandridge, and Bob Pullen, and Mayor Donald Clark agreed to serve on the screening committee.

Martin said he hopes to name a new police chief late in the week of Dec. 15, or soon afterward.

In the Council's regularly scheduled meeting, a special use permit was approved by a 7-2 vote. The permit was granted for one year to Mrs. Bonnie Clayton, 121 W. 44th St., to allow the retail sale of herbs from her home.

Tri-State Motor Transit Co. was honored as the Joplin Chamber of Commerce "Industry of the Month." Shirley Pace of Tri-State accepted an engraved plaque in honor of the firm's contributions to the community.

Requests for the installation of streetlights at 19th and Ohio Avenue, 19th Street and Kansas Avenue, and 11th Street and Adele Avenue were also approved by the Council.

December's City Council meeting, scheduled for Dec. 1, will be held on Dec. 8. The meeting was rescheduled because several Council members will be attending a meeting of the National Congress of Cities at San Antonio, Tex., the first week in December.

## Stout family creates original pizza

King Pizza features apple, vegetarian, and whole wheat pizza as variations

By Rob Smith  
Campus Editor

Using a distinct method in preparing and selling its pizzas, King Pizza has been producing pizzas for the last 10 years with a different approach.

King Pizza, which is located in the middle of Joplin's restaurant strip, not only serves the traditional pizzas like sausage, pepperoni, and mushroom, but has successfully created and sold pizzas that are original ideas.

"I had a friend come in, and he said he could get apple pizza in Springfield," said Willard Stout, owner. "I thought the idea over and remembered my mother putting cheese on apple pies. Later, I found out that there was no apple pizza in Springfield."

"Our first venture from straight pizza was vegetarian pizza with whole wheat." Although Stout has tried his hand at original ideas, he realizes that he has to serve all types of customers' tastes.

"Pepperoni is our most popular pizza," said Stout. "Deluxe is our second most popular, but we still have to have pizzas like anchovy and newer pizzas like pineapple or apple for those with a different taste. We also have submarine sandwiches or the salad bar for the person who wants that."

Stout cited several factors for the restaurant's success.

"The reason for success is that it is a family operation, and we do not com-

promise on ingredients," said Stout. "We make our dough fresh everyday. We use 150 pounds of fresh mushrooms a week, and we use 2,000 pounds of provolone cheese a week."

Stout, who was selling restaurant equipment for Joe Hardy, Inc., started in the pizza business by opening the third franchise in a small chain of restaurants.

"I met Bill Sherwood who had King's in Fayetteville, Ark.," said Stout. "I really opened the restaurant for my wife, Betty, and my daughter, Gayle. It ended up needing to be a family affair."

King Pizza, which was originally located at 1620 E. 20th, moved to its current location at 2101 Rangeline in August

word of mouth is far better than anything. Not using uniforms makes people more comfortable. I believe that your building has to have a pleasant atmosphere along with friendly people."

King Pizza, which has a large assortment of plants in the front of the building, provides several seating arrangements.

"A restaurant has to have about three types of seating," said Stout. "One is booths. You also need tables in an open space. We also have a private area for large groups."

"The plants seem to freshen the air," Stout added. "I don't know if they really do, but there is never the smell of smoke in here. They give it a natural ap-

**"The reason for success is that it is a family operation, and we do not compromise on ingredients. We make our dough fresh everyday."**

—Willard Stout, owner of King Pizza



Willard Stout

## Joplin sees 'a lot of growth'

By Sean Vanslyke  
Staff Writer

Construction in Joplin has and will provide new jobs, and the addition of retail businesses will help Joplin's economy.

"Joplin is seeing a lot of good growth," said Gary Tonjes, president-general manager of the Joplin Chamber of Commerce, "and one good reason for the success is the great deal of attention given to Joplin."

The Joplin Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA) has had a greater amount of attention given to it rather than in the past."

Among the construction projects in Joplin are the addition to the Northpark Mall, the new Wal-Mart, Kmart, and the John Q. Hammons Convention Center. The number of persons employed in September has increased to 65,908, compared to 60,709 in September 1985. The increase is a gain of 8.6 per cent. The number of unemployed in the Joplin area

for September 1986 is 3,783, compared to a 3,717 in 1985—an increase of only 1.8 per cent.

The total labor force in the Joplin area as of September was 69,691, compared to the September 1985 total of 64,426. The 1986 total is an increase of 8.2 per cent.

"The city of Joplin, with its economic diversity, has a slow, but steady growth," said Tonjes.

The population of Joplin in August 1986 was 40,270, compared to 39,100 in 1980. Tonjes said many people from the larger cities, such as Tulsa, Kansas City, and St. Louis, will move to Joplin because of the expansion and the size of the city.

Tonjes believes that because of the many new retail stores, there will be many people coming to Joplin instead of going to Springfield.

"The people who are located between Springfield and Joplin will start coming to Joplin instead of going to Springfield," said Tonjes, "since Joplin will have stores such as Famous Barr and Venture."

By Stacey Sanders  
Chart Reporter

Missouri's population has increased and is still rising. The city of Joplin has played a major part in the increase, according to John Wright, economic development director of the Joplin Chamber of Commerce.

With the increase in population there is also an increase in the number of job openings.

"In the past year there have been more jobs created in the Joplin area than in the Springfield area," said Wright.

Statistically, Joplin had ranked second behind Springfield in employment and income growth.

"It is true, the number of jobs created in Joplin is increasing and the unemployment rate is down," said Wright. "Joplin is experiencing a record-breaking year in construction and transportation."

Another area increasing locally is agricultural-related jobs, according to Wright.

"Universally, the hardest jobs will be in manufacturing," he said.

The major areas of job growth in Joplin are construction, retail sales, transportation, and services.

Construction in Joplin is a major reason for recent decrease in unemployment

figures. The unemployment rate, which was at 6.3 per cent in July, dropped to 5.4 per cent in September. That month's rate is the lowest in the last three years. New construction in Joplin includes additions to



Missouri Southern, a new Wal-Mart store on West Seventh Street, building a Kmart store near 20th and Rangeline, and a major addition to Northpark Mall.

The relatively low cost of real estate

loans has sparked residential property sales, according to the Joplin Board of Realtors. Real estate sales are approaching record levels and in return creating more job availability in Joplin.

The opening of retail stores, fast food restaurants, and major companies has made available thousands of jobs to the public.

"I see potential growth in retail, transportation, health, and food services," said Suzanne Duncan, placement supervisor of Joplin Job Service. "The expansion of the (Northpark) mall will create many jobs in retail, and there is almost always a need for nurses in hospitals and nursing homes."

The growth of business services is primarily responsible for the computer boom. Higher education is needed for this service as well as health services.

Persons moving into Joplin for employment reasons usually arrange their jobs before the move.

"I get more inquiries from people who are moving here than live here," Duncan said. "People try to secure their jobs before a move."

Reports have shown a continued, rapid increase in the creation of new jobs in the Joplin metropolitan area. Joplin is enjoying the best year in its history.





## Basketball

### Men's Schedule

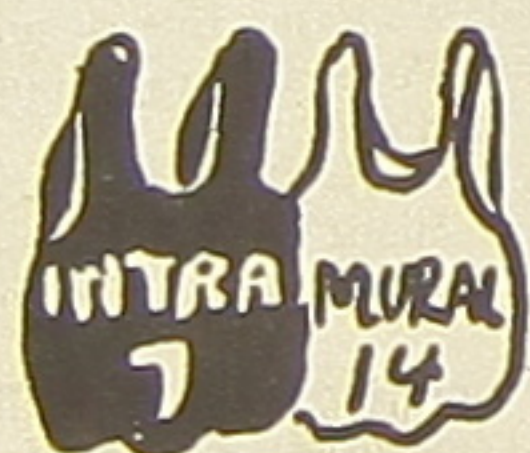
(Home games in all caps)

11/20 ROCKHURST	7:30
11/24 Arkansas Tech	7:00
11/28 Drury Classic	TBA
11/29 Drury Classic	TBA
12/3 Drury College	7:30
12/5 MSSC CLASSIC	TBA
12/6 MSSC CLASSIC	TBA
12/13 PITTSBURG ST.	7:30
1/2 SE Mo. Classic	TBA
1/3 SE Mo. Classic	TBA
1/7 Oklahoma St.	7:35
1/13 DRURY	7:30
1/16 Mo. Western	7:30
1/17 Wayne State	7:30
1/23 KEARNEY ST.	7:30
1/24 FORT HAYS ST.	7:30
1/27 S. of OZARKS	8:00
1/30 WASHBURN	7:30
1/31 EMPORIA ST.	7:30
2/6 Fort Hays St.	7:30
2/7 Kearney State	7:30
2/13 WAYNE STATE	7:30
2/14 MO. WESTERN	7:30
2/20 Emporia St.	8:00
2/21 Washburn	7:30
2/25 Pittsburg St.	8:00

### Women's Schedule

(Home games in all caps)

11/21 McKendree	TBA
11/22 McKendree	TBA
12/2 S. of Ozarks	7:00
12/6 Central Mo.	7:30
12/9 TULSA UNIV.	7:00
1/8 MSSC CLASSIC	TBA
1/9 MSSC CLASSIC	TBA
1/10 MSSC CLASSIC	TBA
1/16 Mo. Western	5:30
1/17 Wayne State	5:30
1/20 PITTSBURG ST.	7:00
1/23 KEARNEY ST.	6:00
1/24 FORT HAYS ST.	6:00
1/30 WASHBURN	6:00
1/31 EMPORIA ST.	6:00
2/6 Fort Hays St.	5:30
2/7 Kearney State	5:15
2/13 WAYNE STATE	6:00
2/14 MO. WESTERN	6:00
2/18 Pittsburg St.	7:00
2/20 Emporia St.	6:00
2/21 Washburn	6:00



## Intramurals

### Volleyball Results

Lost Cause def. The Untouchables 15-5, 15-4. ICBM's def. Bad Attitude 5-15, 16-14, 15-8. Jerry's Kids def. The Dawgs 15-4, 14-16, 15-13. Wild Greeks def. The Unprofessionals 15-10, 15-8. Misfits def. Big Trump 15-1, 15-4. M-131 def. The Waves 12-15, 15-9, 15-12.

# Lions entertain Hawks in home opener

Last year, when the Missouri Southern basketball Lions scored their first basket of each home game, streams of toilet paper came flying out of the student cheering section.

As the 1986-87 home season gets underway tonight at 7:30 against the Rockhurst Hawks, Southern head coach Chuck Williams is just happy to be playing at home.

"Traditionally, we have played well at home," said Williams. "We are happy to be in front of a home crowd."

Williams expects Rockhurst to

present a strong challenge to Lions, as usual.

"Rockhurst is a top division team in the district," said Williams. "Monday night, they beat Missouri Western at Missouri Western. We expect a good game."

The 2-1 Lions will be coming off of a 1-1 weekend, which was spent in the Northeastern Oklahoma State Classic.

The Lions started the weekend Friday night by downing Southwestern Oklahoma State 92-73. Senior Chris Tuggle led a force of six Lions in double figures,

scoring 23 points. Marvin Townsend had 16 points, Willie Laster, Reggie Grantham, and James Foster had 14, 13, and 12 respectively. Foster hauled down nine rebounds, while Townsend pulled down seven. The Lions were edged on the boards 39-31.

The next night, the Lions suffered their first loss of the year, falling to host Northeastern, 105-94. Tuggle contributed 33 points in the losing effort, while classmates Townsend and Grantham chipped in 27 and 20 points, respectively. The Lions lost the battle of the

boards again, 47-35. Townsend pulled down nine, Tuggle had seven, and Laster had six.

Williams said he was satisfied with the tournament, despite the Saturday night setback.

"The classic was a good classic," he said. "We got the opportunity to play back-to-back games, and we faced two outstanding opponents. We played well in both games, and we spotted the areas that we need to continue work on."

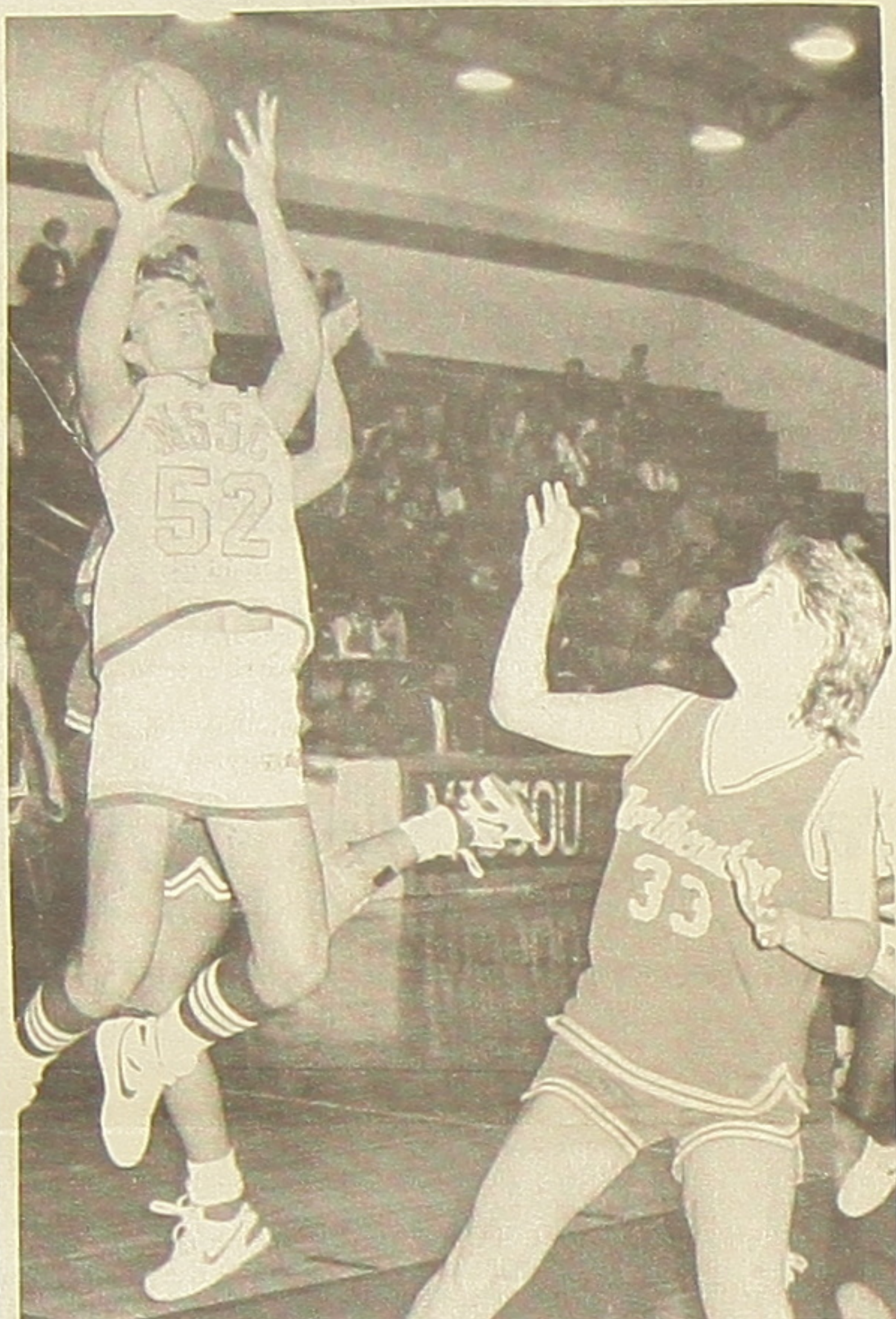
"Although it didn't show Saturday night, we have been improving defensively," he said. "We are not

real good in a transition game, and that's what we ran into Saturday night."

Following tonight's game with Rockhurst, the Lions travel to Arkansas Tech on Monday night.

"Arkansas Tech is quick, and they are senior dominated," said Williams. "They are one of the better teams in Arkansas."

For now, though, Williams is looking to the team that the Lions play tonight.



**Lay-up** Anita Rank shoots a lay-up in Tuesday's 71-68 win over Northeastern. (Chart photo by JoAnn Hollis.)

# Lady Lions take 2-0 record into Illinois this weekend

By Tony Wilson  
Staff Writer

Trailing by 16 points late in the first half, the Missouri Southern Lady Lions used a swarming full-court press to rally to a 71-68 overtime win over visiting Northeastern Oklahoma State Tuesday night.

Senior center Amy Oberdieck tipped away a Lady Reds' pass late in the overtime period and went on to score with 17 seconds remaining to give Southern a 70-68 lead.

LaDonna Wilson added a free throw in the final second for the three-point margin.

"Amy really gave a great effort in the overtime period," said Jim Phillips, Southern head coach. "She fought for the steal and then got down the court for the score."

After Northeastern built a 39-23 lead with 2:34 left in the first period, the Lady Lions scored seven unanswered points to come within 10 of the Lady Reds at halftime, 40-30.

"We had a heart-to-heart talk at halftime and made a change in our press," explained Phillips. "Gayle (Klenke), LaDonna, and Barbie (Richards) keyed us on the press in the second half."

Forced turnovers and defensive rebounds ignited a Lady Lions run midway through the second half that turned a 14-point deficit into a six-point lead.

Junior center Anita Rank muscled in an offensive rebound to give Southern its first lead of the game at 7:44. Rank finished with a team high 24 points and 15 rebounds.

Freshman forward Joyce Falls added 21 points and 17 rebounds for the Lady Lions. Falls also blocked four Lady Reds shots.

Shelia Buzzard and Margaret Thompson combined for 46

points in her first game as a Lady Lion.

"Angie played a super floor game for a first-time freshman point guard. She hit her first four shots, had four assists and just one turnover in 35 minutes against the Evangel press," said Phillips.

All of the Lady Lions saw action in the game as Southern's bench outscored the Lady Crusaders

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—Jim Phillips, women's head basketball coach

Northeastern points. Thompson's six-point outburst in the final minutes of regulation brought back the Lady Reds. It was all Buzzard in overtime, however. The lanky forward scored the final four points for Northeastern in the last five minutes.

The win brought the Lady Lion's record to 2-0. Southern enjoyed a successful season-opener last Friday night as it handled district foe Evangel College 79-74 in Springfield.

The Lady Lions were led by the 20-point, 12-rebound performance of Falls. Oberdieck, Rank and Wilson also turned in double-figure point games for Southern.

Freshman point guard Angie Houck turned in a solid perfor-

manence in her first game as a Lady Lion. With the 2-0 record and Tuesday's comeback effort, Phillips is optimistic that his team will be in the right frame of mind for this weekend's McKendree (Ill.) College Classic.

"This was an excellent win going into this weekend," he said. "If we play like we are capable of playing, we should do well. It will be tough. It is a tough road trip, and we will play two games in one day."

Southern is slated to play William Woods College tomorrow night, then come back to face Northeastern Illinois University and the host team, McKendree College, on Saturday.

## The way I see it:

# Last edition means last column for sports editor

By Shaun LePage  
Sports Editor

We just sat there. It was my senior year of high school, and my basketball team had just lost its last game. We were the first boys team in our corner of Missouri

to make it all the way to the final four of the state basketball tourney in a long, long time. One of my teammates was crying. He was hiding his face in a towel, but I could tell he was crying.

I was certainly not happy that we had lost our last game, but we had come so far. We had had a great time, and we would always have memories. As we all grow old, we will get together from time to time, and talk about that year. It was our year, our time.

If we had not surpassed our own expectations, and the expectations of every person who had ever heard of McAuley High School, I might have cried, too. Instead, I just sat there. I was satisfied.

Now, I sit here in front of this computer for the last time as sports editor, and again, I am satisfied. Although I will complete my requirements for graduation at the end of this semester (if I get through Spanish), I won't officially graduate until May. So, I might be around working on some things, but I won't be sports editor.

Some of the members of *The Chart* staff are crying, but I am just sitting here. Being sports editor has been a lot of work, but I've got some more good memories, and made some more good friends during my time here.

The hardest part for me is going to be giving up this corner of the paper. Oh, sure, I'll miss those pleasant and casual interviews with Mr. Frazier, and I'll miss those late Wednesday nights, but not nearly as much as this column.

I'm very satisfied with what I've been able to accomplish here at Missouri Southern, and I'm excited about leaving and going out into "the real world." I know that sometimes the students of Southern tend to be a little "down" on the College for whatever reasons, but it has been great to me. I wanted an education, not just a degree. I got that here. I'm satisfied.

*The way I see it*, a college is going to give you just about as much as you put into it. If you want a party, I don't know of a college in this country that can't provide that, but if you want an education, I think you have to do more than go to class and be a sponge. You have to work at it, wherever you go. And so, I salute those students who have staggered onto this campus in the morning while it is still dark, and have left long after it becomes dark again. It will pay off.

Last week, a group of people who call themselves "Annie Athletes" left a letter for me in *The Chart* office. It was the first true negative feedback in writing I have received about a column of mine. I loved it. I was showing it to everyone as if it were a huge check or something.

However, Annie, you didn't sign it with a real name.

It is a long-standing policy of *The Chart*, and newspapers in general, that a letter-to-the-editor must be signed. An alias is not acceptable. I wanted to run it anyway, but I was overruled.

However, I just wanted you to know that I respect your opinion on the new academic policies. I disagree with you, but respect the fact that you took the time to type up a letter and bring it over. If you would like to come forward and sign the letter, it would probably still run.

However, because this is the last edition of this semester, it would have to wait until January. Think about it, because too many people complain, but aren't willing to do any more than that. Don't be one of them.

I probably shouldn't use specific names, because I know I'll leave somebody out, but there are a few people I would like to mention before I give up this column. If your name isn't here, Mr. Stebbins probably just edited it out.

Erik, good luck. Erik is taking over as sports editor, and he's going to be dang good. It's somewhat similar to the episode when Radar left M\*A\*S\*H, and Klinger took over. Give him time.

Rick, are those pictures ready, yet? Next week is too late.

Mark "my boy" Mulik, you'll probably get to play softball now that I'm gone. Don't hit your head on the roof of the dugout.

Megan, if a fire breaks out, grab Corky.

Rob, keep an eye on Erik, and don't let him embarrass our alma mater. Also, try wearing a tie every now and then.

Lisa, give up Mike. Money is no reason to marry someone.

Give your life to *The Chart* instead.

Teresa, I think someday I'll probably apply for a job somewhere and find that you are the president of the company. Don't forget me, just forget the whole "ear" thing.

Pat, thanks for smoking in the hall. That's our designated area.

JoAnn, God only knows what you'll be when you grow up. Just stay out of those trash piles—you cause too much trouble when you start poking around in those things.

Sean, every once in a while, get out of the darkroom. Nobody really knows what those chemicals do to your brain cells. Rick was normal once.

Nancy, some guy named McMurray called. He said he was the manager of Tiber Creek. He sounded pretty upset, and you'd better call him back.

Amber, age does not an adult make, and thanks for the notes.

Brenda, you are proof that God exists.

Tony, you still owe me five bucks for letting you cover girls basketball. Pay up, buddy.

Dennis, grown men do not have Nerf hoops in their offices. That's why we get along so well.

Mr. Frazier, thanks for teaching me how to interview. I mean that. I figure that after interviewing you every week for a year, I'll be able to interview anyone now.

Mitch, Kerri called. Sorry, I was mean when I said that, huh?

Mark J. Ernstmann, I promise to put in a good word for you when I make it big. After all, it was your taxi, too. However, let that be a lesson to you, young man: Good things happen to Celtic fans.

Chad, you have taught me

everything I know about newspapers. Someday, I'll write a paragraph about it and share *The Chad Stebbins School of Journalism* with the world.

Mr. Richard W. Massa, I don't care what Todd says, I think you know what you're talking about. At least most of the time. When you need advice from now on, I guess you'll have to talk to Mitch. Well, on second thought, maybe you had better give me a call. If things get too out-of-hand around here, let me know, and I'll come back and straighten things out.

Last, but not least, I want to thank everyone who ever responded to anything I have written in this column in the past. Feedback, whether it is negative or positive, is a vital part of the communication model. At least I knew somebody was reading the back page...besides me.

On Sunday, I was down on Southern's soccer field throwing a football around with some friends of mine, and I came across a copy of *The Chart* at the entrance of a drainage pipe. The paper was face-down, so the sports page was on top. It was strange to see my picture there. I felt so...discarded.

Tuesday, a person who I look up to a great deal (you know what I mean), told me that she had cut out a copy of one of my columns and was keeping it in a place where she could read it from time to time. I really didn't know what to say. I guess if one person, especially this person, liked it that much, it was worth the effort.

Wherever future copies of *The Chart* sports page end up from now on, one thing is highly probable: My picture, and my articles, will not be on them.